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Tories keep control of County Hall

BUT COUNCIL LEADER ROBERT GOULD LOSES HIS SEAT

Lottie Welch
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THE Conservatives have kept control of Dorset County Council, but lost their leader after Robert Gould was deposed of his seat by Liberal Democrat Jon Andrews in the Sherborne Town division.

Mr Gould was also formerly leader of West Dorset District Council; he stepped down to focus on his county council duties but remains a district councillor for Queen Thorne.

Conservative candidates were elected in the local divisions of Beaminster, Marshwood Vale and Bridport.

Bridport, which had a turnout of 42.69 per cent, is now represented by two county councillors following a shake-up of division boundaries.

Liberal Democrat Cllr Ros Kayes continues to serve the area after gaining 2,490 votes and is joined by Conservative candidate Cllr Keith Day, who is also a West Dorset district and Bridport town councillor.

Bridport Town Council also had a by-election for the Bridport South seat, which followed the resignation of Francis MacKenzie.

This was was won by Conservative candidate Barbara Vousden who pulled 432 votes, followed by Liberal Democrat Philip Colfox, with 298 votes, Labour candidate Nick Boothroyd with 234 votes and the Green Party's Andy Jefferies with 200 votes.

Cllr Kayes said: "I am surprised and very happy to win again despite the new division boundaries, which added a largely Conservative voting area into the division.

"It is great that Bridport will still have a progressive voice speaking for it and I would like to thank everyone – from all parties – who gave me their vote as well as all who helped on the campaign. I won't let you down."

Cllr Day received 2,415 votes, followed by Conservative Mark Roberts with 2,244, Liberal Democrat Sarah Horniman with 1,840, Green candidate Kelvin Clayton with 810, Labour candidates Phylida Culpin with 783 and Bill Mellish with 690 respectively, and Green candidate Robert Casey with 490 votes.

Cllr Keith Day said: "I am pleased and honoured that the people of the Bridport division have given me their support to become a county councillor.

"I will do all possible to ensure their confidence in me is justified.

"I would also like to thank all those that have assisted me during the campaign – too many to mention – but in particular my fellow candidate Mark Roberts and our agent Antony Stanley.

"My wife is also due a big thank you for putting up with me during the campaign.

"I now look forward to my new role – even if it is only for two years – but they will be a busy and interesting two years I am sure."

Conservative councillor Rebecca Knox retains her seat at Dorset County Council for the Beaminster ward after receiving 2,018 votes from a 46.27 per cent turnout.

Liberal Democrat Peter Allen received 848 votes, Mark Gage (Labour) 178 and Neil Judd (Green) 170.

Cllr Knox said: "Thank you everyone in the Beaminster area division for your support, not just those who voted for me, but for everyone who voted.

"Our area had an incredibly high voter turnout for a local election, which is fantastic – local democracy is so important.

"I will work harder than ever for you all and for Dorset.

"I would like to thank all for your votes, messages of encouragement and to the many who supported me behind the scenes, too many to mention but were invaluable not just during the past months but for the years since my last election.

County council leader Robert Gould lost his seat in Sherborne

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Abbotsbury cygnets herald the start of summer

THE first baby swans of 2017 have hatched at Abbotsbury Swannery – a welcome sign that summer can't be far away.

Legend has it that the arrival of the first cygnet at Abbotsbury heralds the start of summer.

This year there are around 100 nests at Abbotsbury, which means hundreds of the fluffy youngsters emerging over the next six weeks.

The sight of the newly-hatched baby swans has delighted staff at the Swannery, which saw an outbreak of bird flu in January.

Swanherd Steve Groves said: "It has been wonderful to see such a good number of pairs nesting.

"It was largely the younger birds which were affected by avian flu, so the number of breeding pairs have been relatively unaffected.

"The swans usually mate for life and we get to know each couple.

"With 100 nests and an average of six eggs to a nest, there will soon be cygnets everywhere!"

The Swannery is the only place in the world where visitors can walk through a colony of mute swans, see cygnets hatching and learning to swim and participate in mass feedings.

The swans lay their eggs at two day intervals and hatching takes place 35 days after the final egg of the clutch has been laid.

Swanherds feed the adult swans twice a day on wheat grains while the cygnets are fed three times daily on chick crumb, a crushed pellet full of protein. Their parents also feed the cygnets algae, other vegetation and grubs.

Visitors can walk safely among the nests while hundreds of baby swans are hatching out on to the paths. This tremendous spectacle is one of the highlights of the English summer. For more information visit www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/swannery

■ THE first cygnet of 2017 at Abbotsbury Swannery on Nest Number 1

The Prince of Wales visits Kingcombe Meadows to celebrate 30th anniversary

DORSET Wildlife Trust (DWT) was honoured to welcome The Prince of Wales to its Kingcombe Meadows Nature Reserve on Monday.

Prince Charles visited the Coronation Meadow – Lady's Mead – to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the nature reserve. The prince is a patron of the Wildlife Trusts.

Lady's Mead was selected as a Coronation Meadow to mark the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation in 2013, in a project led by The Prince of Wales to address the reported loss of 97 per cent of the UK's wildflower meadows since the Second World War.

Seeds from Lady's Mead have been used to create and restore meadows across West Dorset, to help secure the UK's wildflower heritage for the next 60 years.

DWT is also celebrating the 30th anniversary of the acquisition of Kingcombe Meadows Nature Reserve. The Prince of Wales last visited in 1988, one year after the purchase of the 327 acre reserve, when he generously donated funding from the Duke of Cornwall's Benevolent Fund to repair fencing and gates.

The Kingcombe Centre, which was established shortly after the purchase of the nature reserve, runs a variety of educational and recreational courses and events, with accommodation and tearooms for visitors from near and far to enjoy.

DWT Chief Executive, Dr Simon Cripps, said: "Today we were delighted to show The Prince of Wales the improvements and changes we've made since his last visit to the nature reserve, nearly 30 years ago.

"We are proud to run a traditional farm, grazed by cows and sheep, without the use of pesticides or artificial fertilisers to encourage good quality grassland, supporting a diverse abundance of wildflowers.

"The nature reserve and centre are both core parts of the local community and contribute greatly to helping DWT achieve its aims to spread the conservation message, and help people learn about how engaging with wildlife can improve their lives."

DWT West Dorset Conservation Officer, Nick Gray, said: "Lady's Mead holds a marvellous array of wild flowers, which support a host of insect pollinators like butterflies and bumble bees.

"Its botanical diversity makes Lady's Mead a perfect 'donor' meadow.

"Wildflower seed has been transferred to other local sites in freshly cut 'green hay', and as brush-harvested and hand-harvested seed, some of which is used to grow 'Coronation Meadow provenance' wild flower plug plants.

"Walking through the meadow with The Prince of Wales today, the sward and the sky above were full of wildlife, and it was a real privilege to show off our beautiful reserve."

At various times of the year wildflower species found at Lady's Mead include common knapweed, corky-fruited water dropwort, and rarities including saw-wort and pepper saxifrage.

Marbled white butterflies, froghoppers and meadow grasshoppers can be seen in the meadow, as well as the iconic wildflower yellow rattle.

For more information about the Kingcombe Meadows Nature Reserve and the Kingcombe Centre, including the society of wildlife artists art exhibition running on the Spring Bank Holiday, visit www.kingcombe.org

■ DWT chief executive Simon Cripps, HRH Prince Charles and DWT stockperson Ashlea Kirk looking at cattle
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"I look forward to continuing working with you and for you."

In the Marshwood Vale, which covers Chideock and Symondsbury, Conservative Daryl Turner was re-elected as the division's county councillor.

He received 1,730 votes, followed by Liberal Democrat Steve Trevethan with 538, Labour candidate Joy Everington with 284 and Green candidate Chit Chong with 263 votes.

Cllr Turner said: "I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and those who helped on the day.

"Huge thanks to our agent Antony Stanley for the administration and production of material.

"The turnout improved from the last election and my vote share increased significantly, taking over 61 per cent of the vote. I did put in the hard miles required and will continue to do so.

"I have a belief and passion for a future unitary authority in Dorset and will work towards that aim. The Vale is a unique and special place and one I have the privilege of representing, again thank you."

Across West Dorset, the Conservatives won six seats while the Liberal Democrats gained five seats. More than 153,500 Dorset residents voted in the county council elections, up from 125,682 in 2013, with a total turnout of 33.15 per cent. There are 17 new members of the county council and 29 county councillors have been re-elected.

● The new leader of the county council will be elected at full council on Thursday, May 18th. It is usually the leader of the largest party, which the Conservatives announced as Beaminster's Cllr Rebecca Knox on Monday.

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Police issue images of suspects in Bridport petrol station burglary

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OFFICERS investigating a burglary at a Bridport petrol station are issuing CCTV images of the suspects.

At 10.49pm on Wednesday, May 3rd, officers were called to reports of a till snatch at the Esso garage in East Road.

One man entered the area behind the till and stole money from a safe under the counter. He then approached the cashier and grabbed the till tray. A second suspect stood watch by the entrance before the pair left the scene.

The till tray, a quantity of cash and a black A4 folder was stolen. No one was physically injured in the incident.

The first suspect is described as male, six feet tall, of slim build and was wearing a grey hooded top with three lines down the arms, grey jogging bottoms tucked into white socks and dark-coloured trainers.

The second suspect is described as five feet eight inches tall, of slim build and was wearing a dark-coloured hooded top with three white lines on the arms, light blue trainers and was carrying a grey bag with shoulder straps. It is possible this suspect was a woman.

Both suspects wore scarves covering their faces.

Police Sergeant Jamie Clark, of Bridport police, said: "As part of my investigation I am now in a position to release CCTV images of the two suspects.

"While I appreciate their faces are covered, I am hoping that someone may recognise them from the clothing they are wearing. I would urge anyone who knows who these two people are to please contact Dorset Police."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 551700 64696.

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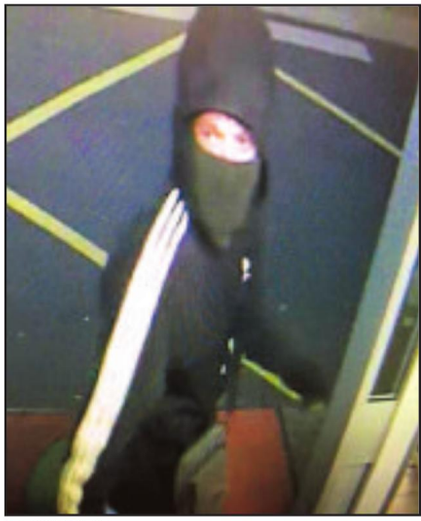

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Vearse Farm houses not the answer

THE proposed Vearse Farm extension in Bridport purports to be the answer to our local affordable housing crisis, but it is nothing of the sort.

It is a hugely damaging result of the government's lamentably naïve housing policy. The big idea is to coerce councils into building huge volumes of housing to be sold on the open market so they can syphon off some of the profits to subsidise 'affordable' housing for those in housing poverty.

They boast that by building these thousands of open market homes they will solve the nation's housing shortage.

Well we don't actually have a national or a local housing shortage, what we do have is an affordable housing shortage which has been brought about by house prices increasing far more than incomes.

Younger people have watched in despair as house prices have spiralled far beyond levels that they can ever afford. That is what has given rise to 'Generation Rent'.

So, how will Vearse Farm solve Bridport's housing problems? The local plan currently states that the aim is 35 per cent of the houses built should be 'affordable homes'; however, this 35 per cent would reduce if the developer successfully claims that they are not making sufficient profit (so-called 'viability').

They are planning to build 494 houses there to be sold on the open market so they can skim off part of the profits to subsidise the target of 266 affordable homes.

On the surface that seems as if it could be helpful to Bridport's Generation Rent. It will help, to a point, in that there could be up to 80 shared ownership homes which is a scheme that already works well in Bridport.

The other 186 will be 'affordable' rented homes. The problem is that the government defines affordable to mean 'up to 80 per cent of market rates'.

In Bridport the market rate for a private sector three bedroomed property is around £750 per month and 80 per cent of that is £600 per month. The accepted rule of thumb is that rent should be no more than 25 per cent of gross household income if it is to be affordable, which means that to be able to afford £600 a month rent then a gross household income of £28,800 is needed and how affordable is that?

Well over half of households in West Dorset earn less than £28,800 per year which means that well over half of West Dorset households cannot afford to rent a three-bedroomed home.

So, these 186 so-called affordable rented homes will be too expensive to actually solve Bridport's affordable housing crisis. Will they help the 377 Bridport households that are currently on the housing register? Not really.

Social rented home rents are what are significantly lower than affordable rented homes and are genuinely affordable but are less profitable for developers and housing associations.

The local plan has no policy with respect to social rented proportions and the latest master plan for Vearse Farm does not include any social rented. In that sense Vearse Farm is a massive failure.

Given the threats to the development's viability, Vearse Farm is highly unlikely to deliver the number of so-called affordable homes that the local plan aims for.

Development costs will be burdened by; the need to build a roundabout at Miles Cross at a cost of £1million to £2million pounds; flood risk management requiring extensive prevention measures; relocating St Mary's School; traffic management measures on the West Road; payment of a Community Infrastructure Levy. The list goes on… and all this in an Area of Natural Beauty.

To any sane person the whole idea of Vearse Farm is utter madness. But it is just one part of the ineffectual housing policy that has been foisted on to the district council by central government. What is more, if the council fail to do as they are told then they will be penalised.

The Afford a Home West Dorset Campaign aims to explain to politicians and the general public at large why our current policies are failing and need to be changed. The good news is that the Afford a Home Campaign is an extremely positive idea and it offers alternative ideas that can work.

Come and discover the good news at the launch of the Afford a Home Campaign at 7pm on Friday, May 12th at the Electric Palace in Bridport. Admission is free. We shall explain how private finance is starting to build social rented housing in other areas and how it can happen here in West Dorset.

We shall explain our 'eco-powerhouse' concept. We have been working with experts on the development of homes that are carbon negative, have virtually no heating costs, generate most of their own electrical power for around eight months of the year and can store that electricity for use night and day. We are not quite ready to launch these eco-powerhouses yet, but we truly believe that we will do it.

Come to the Electric Palace on Friday evening and find out what is happening and how YOU can play your part in bringing about change. The only people that can persuade the people in charge to change our housing polies are the people of West Dorset. That means YOU. Please come along and find out how you can bring about the changes that we need!

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Progressive voice on council despite boundary changes

I'D like to thank all those who voted for my re-election as County Councillor for the Bridport division.

What many people don't know is that this is a completely new division which has had its boundaries altered to include not just Bridport but all the villages up to Toller Porcorum on both sides of the A35. Villages like Shipton Gorge, Litton Cheney, Burton Bradstock, Puncknowle and West Milton, where the overwhelming majority of voters always vote Conservative.

I was not expecting therefore to win or to even come second in this new two member ward.

I'm very relieved that, despite the Greens and Labour each putting up two candidates to split the progressive vote, that we still have at least one progressive voice for Bridport on the county council; just! It won't necessarily be the case next time.

There are now two county councillors for Bridport and the villages and I hope, despite our coming from different ends of the political spectrum, that we will both be able to work together to defend what is one of the largest and most complex electoral areas in Dorset. I hope we will be able to speak with one voice on the big issues, like service cuts, that will be coming up over the following months.

It will probably take a while for me to learn about the issues that affect all the villages, and it will be really difficult to represent both Bridport and this large rural area effectively, so I ask people to bear with me.

I protested against the new division, as did the former County Councillor for Bride Valley, as being unworkable. There are only so many hours in the day. People may have to be prepared for casework to take slightly longer to complete. I hope you will be patient as your new county councillors for the villages get to know the ropes.

And once again – thank you.

ROS KAYES,
Bridport

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Call for alliance against Conservatives

WEST Dorset has just elected six Conservatives and five Liberal Democrats to Dorset County Council.

This shows that the constituency is fairly evenly divided between these two parties.

However, when you add up the votes cast in the election on Thursday, May 4th, and contrast the number of votes cast for the Conservatives – 19,822 against the combined votes for the other candidates – 24,914, (Liberal Democrats 16,799, Labour 4,601 and Green 3,514) it is clear that the constituency has a majority who do not want the Conservatives to run the council.

Turning to the forthcoming general election, the Tolpuddle Martyrs from West Dorset lit a spark that the nation took up to protest against injustice.

If all the constituencies in Britain could agree to have a Progressive Alliance with only one candidate standing against the Conservative, the newly elected rainbow government could then introduce a proportional representation voting system as their first agreed and sworn act.

We, the undersigned, call upon West Dorset parliamentary candidates to take the lead nationally and select only one of their number to stand against our Conservative MP Oliver Letwin.

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Memory loss awareness

TUNNEL Road Surgery in Beaminster will be holding a 'Recognising Memory Loss Awareness Day' on Saturday, May 13th from 10am to 3pm.

The event is part of Dementia Awareness Week with the aim of making Beaminster and the surrounding area dementia friendly and people becoming a dementia friend/champion.

Everyone is welcome to come along and talk to representatives from Dementia UK, Alzheimer's Society, Memory and Advisory Service, Help and Care Wayfinders, Age UK, BAVLAP and others.

There will be workshops and activities to enjoy, along with refreshments, and admission is free.

Bridport celebrates Charter Fair this Saturday

BRIDPORT's historic charter fair returns to the town this Saturday (May 13th), celebrating the granting of Bridport's market charter hundreds of years ago.

The event will be declared open by Bridport mayor, Cllr Ros Kayes, at 10am and compere Chris Deacon will be overseeing range of entertainment in Bucky Doo Square, beginning with the St Swithun's Band, followed by Local Vocal, Shiraz, Last Gasp, Gary Smith on slide guitar and the Pete Pope Band.

At 11am, charter fair stalwart Sandra Brown MBE will present the charter fair trophy to two local residents who have worked selflessly on behalf of young people over a number of years.

These will go to Robert Ridge for providing young people with one of the few indoor skate parks in the South West for more than 17 years, the popular Trick Factory, and Debbie Bird who, at the age of 14 helped design the original West Bay play area, at 17 helped raise money to create the area, and six years later in 2016 was still involved in developing the extension, allowing equality of access for all.

Throughout the day, local organisations will be running their stalls, both to raise awareness of what they are about, and to raise some much needed funds.

South Street will not be closed, as in previous years, since the event is a celebration of the market, the charter fair stalls will, for the first time, be embedded throughout the market itself.

For more information contact Teresa Grinter at teresagrinter45@gmail.com

■ ROBERT Ridge (front) will receive a charter fair trophy for working selflessly on behalf of young people over a number of years at this year's charter fair

■ DEBBIE Bird (left) will also receive a trophy for all her work on the West Bay play area

Crowds defy weather for knob-throwing

BLUSTERY winds and rain failed to put off an estimated 4,000 who turned up at the first Dorset Knob Throwing event to be held at Kingston Maurward.

The event has moved from Cattistock where it has run for nine years after outgrowing the village.

Events included throwing the traditional locally-made Dorset Knob, a knob and spoon racing, archery and pin the knob on the Cerne giant.

The furthest distance thrown was by Pete Asher who managed 22.70m (74.4ft)

The children's event was won by Samuel Chinchen with a throw of 16.04m (52.6ft); while Catrin Vaughn was best lady with a 18.65m (61.2ft) throw.

Cookery workshops

THE Friendly Food Club Awards for All cookery project got off to a great start, with families from Salway Ash making pizzas and decorating Easter eggs.

The club, a not for profit organisation set up by Tony Gibbons to teach cooking skills to disadvantaged people, also offered samples of pies, quiches and cakes at Cupboard Love food bank in Bridport.

The visitors and volunteers, as well as other members of public, are invited to come along to the first of six cookery workshop at the Church House in South Street on May 13th, which starts at 10.30am and finishes with lunch at 1pm.

Everyone will get a free box of ingredients with easy to follow recipe cards to try the recipes at home, and packs of herbs and spices thanks to Mike and Sue from Friends of the Earth.

The best efforts will be rewarded with prizes of cooking utensils with a major prize of a tale top oven given out on completion of all six workshops.

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£200,000 for cycle paths

RESIDENTS in Bridport are set to benefit from a major investment for their walking and cycling paths.

More than £200,000 has been allocated from the Coastal Community Fund as part of the upgrade of the cycling path linking Bridport and West Bay.

It will give walkers, cyclists and people with mobility scooters a safe, traffic-free route to enjoy.

New road crossings and a new section of footway will be added to the existing path, which will also be widened and resurfaced.

The new route will also include local artwork for people to enjoy along the route.

The cycleway will eventually join the wider walking and cycling network continuing all the way to Maiden Newton as part of the West Dorset Trailway.

Wayne Sayers, sustainable transport manager at Dorset County council, said: "The investment in the route will give residents and visitors better opportunities to explore Bridport and West Bay by bike or by foot, and also improve access to both areas for employment, shopping, social, leisure and cultural facilities.

"We are working to make active travel a bigger part of our culture, connecting Dorset's residents to their schools, shops, work and leisure facilities whilst improving health and cutting pollution."

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Locals 'in tears' as Frosts announces closure

BRIDPORT'S long-standing high street landmark, W Frost, is set to close its doors next month.

The West Street shop is being taken over by The Original Factory Shop (tofs), a discount department store, which has more than 200 stores nationwide, but the seven employees currently there will be made redundant.

Adrian Franklin, 62, owns the store and Toymaster on South Street with his brother Vernon, 74, which has been in the family since 1962.

Their mother worked for the previous owners of the shop and when they decided to sell it, their parents bought the business.

Adrian has worked there for 40 years and said it was now time to retire and "call it a day".

He said: "What with competition in the town, the Card Factory opening and online shopping especially, we have decided that it is time to call it a day.

"Online shopping is the killer, I know people who never go out shopping – this is the 21st century.

"I am not sad because I feel I have come to the end and I am ready to call it a day, I feel it is time to go. I have to be honest, I am looking forward to some free time."

Adrian said it is something they have been thinking about for some time but had not done anything about it, and when tofs approached them to take over the lease they said yes.

Adrian added: "It would have been nice if there had been somebody to take it on as it is.

"The downside to that is that we are past it. It is lovely, this shop, but in this new era we are in it doesn't work – shops like ours are disappearing all over the place.

"If it was really successful we wouldn't be going.

"I think they [tofs] will offer Bridport a different range, but they will invest, which I would have loved to have done, but we couldn't afford it.

"They will upgrade this shop, it is tired and needs bringing into the 21st century.

■ BRIDPORT'S landmark shop Frosts will be closing next month

"They [the staff] are being made redundant unfortunately, there is always a price to pay."

'Frosts' has become a much-loved business over the many years it has been in the town and many residents have expressed their upset on hearing the shop will close.

Adrian said: "People are very disappointed, we have actually had some people in tears, they just can't believe it.

"We have had a lot of people in shock, but also very understanding and can see why, because we want to retire and call it a day.

"I would like to say thank you very much for the support over the years and I like to think we have been supportive of the community as much as we can with what we stock.

"We feel very lucky that the members of staff we have had have been extremely loyal and good over the years."

A definite closing date has not been set but they have to be out of the building by June 25th.

Toymaster will continue trading but discussions about someone taking it over and running it as a toy shop are still ongoing.

Fire 'disaster' averted at West Bay Hotel

THE West Bay Hotel was saved from a "major disaster" after a fire broke out in the laundry room, pictured, in the early hours of Wednesday, May 3rd.

The fire service were called just after 1am and on arrival found a washing machine on fire at the rear of the building. Two pumps from Bridport were in attendance and the fire was extinguished using two hose reel jets and two breathing apparatus. The electrical washing machine and tumble dryer were removed.

Sam and Tess Good, landlords of the pub, wrote on their Facebook page: "Such an amazing job our fire department have done this evening, can't thank them enough! Saved it from being a major disaster. Truly grateful!"

Photo courtesy of DORSET AND WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Help needed at community orchard

MEMBERS of Bridport Community Orchard are appealing for volunteers to help them with their upcoming May working parties.

Their will be a range of tasks to complete, accompanied by light refreshment, to enhance the orchard.

The first working party is on Sunday, May 14th from 10am at the St Mary's Church field – behind the church in South Street. Tasks will include: mowing the tree circles, cordons and the pathways; weed and clip the grass around all the trees; tree maintenance; trim the hedge at the end of the bee enclosure; apply tree grease as required; bramble management around the pond; weed the bog garden, wild flower beds and bank; plant wildflower plugs and apply a mulch of spent hops around the fruit trees.

The following working day on Tuesday, May 16th from 5pm at Jubilee Garden, at the top of Park Road, the group will need help with: maintenance of the tree circles; dock removal; clearing grass and weeds in the small copse; applying tree grease if necessary and some general scything.

Arts centre's exhibition events highlight farming-linked projects

A RANGE of events will be taking place at Bridport Arts Centre this month as part of the Cape Farewell exhibition currently in the Allsop Gallery.

Within the art installation are three projects from artists who have worked closely with farmers to highlight key issues that relate to food, farming and the environment.

Artist Nessie Reid, who lives in West Wales, lived with two Guernsey cows for five days in the heart of Bristol in her project 'The Milking Parlour' to raise awareness of the cost of milk.

She is hosting a special farmers question time on Thursday, May 11th from 7pm at the arts centre in which people are invited to exchange views and thoughts about food, the environment and the future of the farming industry.

Tickets cost £5 and the exhibition will be open from 6pm. The event will last approximately one hour and there will be a chance to ask questions.

Alongside this, there will be a showing of the film Comrades by Bill Douglas on Sunday, May 14th from 7.30pm at the arts centre.

The film is the story of the Tolpuddle Martrys in which landowner James Frampton forces his labourers to work under harsh conditions and for long hours.

The workers establish a labor union to negotiate for fairer wages but trouble ensues when their salaries are slashed in retaliation.

Tickets cost £3 to £6 and are available at Bridport Arts Centre.

There will also be a special talk and communal meal on Thursday, May 25th from 6pm with artists Anne-Marie Culhane and Ruth Levene.

The artists will talk about their project, 'A Field of Wheat' in which a Lincolnshire community of people collectively bought and looked after a field of wheat.

This will be followed by a communal meal with bread made from the cultivated wheat.

Cape Farewell runs at the arts centre until Saturday, June 3rd and is open from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

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First Bridport 10k road run is hailed a 'great success'

Lottie Welch
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BRIDPORT'S first 10km road run has been hailed a great success as hundreds of runners came out to enjoy the event.

Around 300 people donned their running shoes and enjoyed a scenic route around Bridport, with options for both a 5km and 10km run.

The event on May 7th was organised by Beyond Events and started and finished at the Plottingham Playing Fields.

The first male to finish the 10km was Graham Sherwin who completed the route in 39.09, and the first female to complete the race was Suzy May, who ran it in 50.31.

As well as all those who took part in the race, the organisers would like to thank the local lengthsman and members of the local sea scouts who helped to marshal the event.

James Stone of Beyond Events said: "The support of the local community was excellent with lots of people coming out in the sun to support the efforts of the runners.

"Overall it was a great success and we will return next year for the Bridport 10km, we might even make it a bit flatter.

"The event did exactly what I set out to do; get adults and children active to enjoy running.

"What a great spectacle for Bridport with thanks to the whole town for the support."

Photos by TIM RUSS

CLOCKWISE from left

- **Graham Sherwin was the first male to finish the 10km in 39.09**
- **The race started at the Plottingham Playing Fields and took in a scenic route of Bridport**
- **Around 300 people took part in the Bridport 10km**
- **Runners passed through Skilling and as many parts of Bridport as possible**
- **Runners coming in to the finish line**

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See the finish of the Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge at West Bay this Sunday

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LOCAL residents are being encouraged to come out and support the 600 cyclists taking part in Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance's seventh annual Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge this Sunday (May 14th).

The event, which is not a race, involves a challenging 54-mile cycle ride, which starts at Watchet harbour in Somerset and ends at West Bay.

A staggered start will involve the stronger cyclists setting off first at 11am with the less experienced riders departing at 11.15am.

A shorter 11-mile route starts at the Royal Oak pub in Drimpton at 2pm and also finishes at West Bay.

Last year's event included people of all ages and abilities take part, raising more than £81,000 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The 600 places available sold out within 11 hours of online registration opening and this year, for the first time, the cyclists who were fortunate in gaining a place, will be joined by members of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance crew who are set to cycle the 54-mile route on triplet bicycles.

The team, who call themselves the Coastbusters, have been training for the event at their Henstridge airbase and are hoping the public will get behind them and show their support.

In a bid to raise £2,500, the team have set up a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/dsaa-coastbusters, where donations of any size can be made.

Mobile phone users can easily donate by texting CREW5 £5 to 70070.

Bill Sivewright, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance chief executive officer, said: "Our Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge is a fantastic occasion and the atmosphere is incredible.

"The fact that members of our crew are taking part this year makes the event even more special.

"They are incredible ambassadors of the charity and I am sure it will be an extremely emotional day all round; the aches and pains will definitely be worthwhile.

"Every year the event seems to get better and that is mainly due to the wonderful team of volunteers, members of the public and local businesses who help us with marshalling and keeping the cyclists safe.

"Our thanks go to the event sponsors and the various pit stop locations along the route, without their help and support, we simply could not put on such a large scale event.

"Finally, a very big thank you to all the cyclists taking part who are encouraging their friends and family to sponsor them.

"Let's hope the weather stays fine and we raise as much as possible and make this the best Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge yet!"

Supporters will be able to encourage the cyclists at the starting point, along the route, or at the finishing-line celebrations at East Beach car park in West Bay.

For more information about Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, call 01823 669604 or visit www.dsairambulance.org.uk

■ THE annual Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge returns this weekend. Pictured is the Dorset and Somerset Air ambulance crew that will take part in the challenge on a triplet bicycle

Police Report

DORSET Police are appealing for witness and anyone with information on the following crimes to contact them on 101, quoting the relevant crime number.

■ Sometime between 8pm and 9pm on Friday, April 28th, a black Haro mountain bike was stolen from St Andrews Road, Bridport. Crime number 55170061851.

■ Sometime between Sunday, April 23rd and Friday, April 28th a secure outbuilding at a dwelling in Yeovil Road, Halstock, was broken into. A strimmer, chainsaw, two hedge cutters and a power drill were stolen.

The offenders appeared to have gained entry by breaking open the outbuilding door with a crow bar. Crime number 55170062017.

Alternatively, report any information at www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online

Bowlers' support for Julia's House

GLORIOUS weather greeted members of Bridport Bowling Club when their new season started recently at Priory Lane which began with the a cheque presentation for £1,000 to Julia's House, raised at the President and Captains Day last season.

Club captains Steve Bartlett and Marion Carter are pictured handing the cheque to Chris and Judy Munden from Julia's House, watched by other club members.

Photo by MIKE SMITH

Bridport town crier is runner-up in Yeovil competition

■ **BRIDPORT's town crier has been named runner-up in this year's Yeovil Town Criers' Competition. John Collingwood joined 18 other town criers, pictured, at the annual competition to keep the ancient tradition of crying going. Each competitor performed their town cry in the first heat and a cry of their choice in the second in the Open Air Entertainment Area in the presence of the mayor, Cllr Darren Shutler and the mayoress Anna. Mr Collingwood came second in the best overall category.**

Art society hosts colourful demo

BRIDPORT Art Society held its April meeting at their new venue, Bridport Town Hall, with an even bigger turnout than ever.

Almost 70 members and guests were eager to see a demonstration of watercolour techniques aptly called 'Awash with colour' by Devon artist Roger Clemens.

Roger was hugely informative and entertaining. He started the evening by showing the equipment he uses to achieve his paintings, the different papers, paints and brushes; even including a gent's shaving brush.

He went on to do a pen and ink drawing, showing how to achieve realistic looking trees which by the end of the evening had everyone wanting to pick up a paintbrush and have a go themselves.

The next meeting will be a talk entitled 'Avant-garde artists' books' on Thursday, May 25th at 7.30pm in Bridport Town Hall.

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Beaminster backs neighbourhood plan

BEAMINSTER residents have given their support for the town to embark on a neighbourhood plan.

The idea was put to parishioners at the town's annual parish meeting as it is something the town council has been thinking of doing.

Cllr Janet Page said: "Neighbourhood plans are where our parish decides what development it wants, what sort of development it wants, what it looks like, where it should be and whether development boundaries should be pushed out or not.

"In Beaminster's case, it seems that the district council are pushing our development boundaries out without us wanting it.

"We did wonder whether you think it is a good idea to get a group of parishioners together to talk about a neighbourhood plan for us.

"There are a lot happening now, the government is very keen on them and we get a lot more money for the town if we have one.

"Your neighbourhood plan has to link with the district council's local plan.

"It does give you a chance to say in this area we don't want development, in this area we would like some development, in this area we would like starter homes.

"It gives us a much greater say on what happens in the town."

The town already has a parish plan called Beaminster Futures which includes what residents want to see in the town and how they want their community to develop in terms of planning, work and commerce, natural environment, transport, leisure and well being and the community as a whole.

One resident raised concerns about how it will differ from the Beaminster parish plan.

She said: "A few years ago I seem to remember we all contributed towards the Beaminster plan and last year when there was a planning application for the back of Woodlands, we all mentioned that the Beaminster plan had come up with certain areas which we would like to see planning for.

"This area behind woodlands was not included but the district council let it go with planning permission anyway.

"How is a neighbourhood plan going to differ, is it going to have a greater status, than the Beaminster plan because many people came to a meeting here and spent a lot of time thinking and completing a questionnaire and as far as I can see it doesn't have any status."

Cllr Janet Page added: "Beaminster Futures is a really, really good plan and a really good place to start if we decide we want a neighbourhood plan.

"What would happen with that site in Woodlands, if we decided that was totally inappropriate and we know that the entrances are totally inappropriate for that particular field, the district council, once it accepted the plan, must not allow a building on there but we are too late for that site.

"If we were against it in the neighbourhood plan it could not go to appeal because the planning inspector would say it is not in the neighbourhood plan."

Residents showed their support for a Neighbourhood Plan in Beaminster and one said: "If the neighbourhood plan gives the town a greater say in the approval of planning then to me that is a good idea."

Cllr Chris Turner, chairman of Beaminster Town Council, said:"If anyone does wish to come in on discussions about the neighbourhood plan then we will be very glad to hear from you.

"I hope it isn't a case of re-running the Beaminster Futures document, which was an excellent and very comprehensive document which still applies today and beyond the remits of what you would expect from a parish plan.

"If you would like to come forward to discuss and look into the advantages of neighbourhood plans, and there are some down sides as well, then we would be very grateful."

The town council can be contacted on 01308 863634 or by emailing townclerk@beaminster-tc.gov.uk

Sponsored dog walk for Skiathos animals

LOCAL animal lovers will once again set off on a sponsored dog walk on Sunday, May 14th in aid of animal charities on the Greek island of Skiathos.

The leisurely four-mile stroll will start at 10.30am from the Hare and Hounds pub in Waytown, near Beaminster, returning to the pub for refreshments.

The annual walk is led by Beaminster couple Sue and David Wells, who have been holding these walks for more than 20 years.

Last year, Sue and David were able to hand over €2,200 to the charities, Skiathos Friends of the Animals and the Cat Welfare Society, which has feeding stations across the island for street cats.

As before, the couple will personally hand over funds raised from the sponsored dog walk together with donated collars, leads, toys, blankets, baskets and veterinary supplies. Offers of these are still invited.

The cash raised will pay for feeding, neutering and vets' treatment with the eventual aim being rehoming the animals throughout the UK and Europe.

For more information contact Sue and Dave on 01308 863585, 07791 941656 or email krazykats@uwclub.net

Cocktail evening at the Bridge House

COCKTAIL fans and drink connoisseurs were treated to an evening of cocktails, tasters and canapés at the Bridge House Hotel in Beaminster.

Lloyd Brown of Grey Bear Bar Company, who hosts cocktail nights at the Beaminster hotel every Friday and Saturday evening, led the Hollywood-themed tasting.

He said: "We kicked off with a Tom Collins featuring Tarquin's Sea Dog gin, which just won double gold at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, and secondly we had a Ramos gin fizz, which the group had to shake for ten minutes.

"There were tasters of a Gibson and Bloody Mary using Porters Perfection vodka made in Halstock before we concocted a flaming zombie and rounded the evening off with a Black Russian made with Rupert's, from Conker Gin, latest creation – Cold Brew Coffee.

"It was a fantastic night and worked really well in the intimate bar at the Bridge House."

To find out more about the cocktail evenings, visit www.bridge-house.co.uk or www.greybearbarcompany.com

Beaminster square plans still alive

PLANS to improve the layout of Beaminster's square are still underway, despite the project going quiet.

The project was revived in 2015 by the town council and the Beaminster Society after it was previously looked at in 2008, with plans including a one way system, parking for 29 cars and an improved and enlarged central amenity space.

At the Beaminster annual parish meeting a resident asked Cllr Chris Turner, chairman of Beaminster Town Council, what had happened to the scheme.

He said: "There are still ideas which we must regenerate and we are hoping to get a visualisation from our architect.

"Inevitably some of it will cost money, inevitably there will be some changes, it will come to a meeting to put it to the people when we finalise what we want to do."

TV presenter and palaeontologist presents prizes for dinosaur designs

■ COMPETITION winners Amber Wilcox and India Watt and highly commended entrant Owen Mansbridge pictured with TV presented Dean Lomax, library manager Lorraine Knowles and David Gale of Lyme Regis development Trust. Not pictured is Aydan Rawlins, who was also highly commended ***Photo by Matt Holmes***

DEAN Lomax, internationally recognised palaeontologist and presenter of ITV's 'Dinosaur Britain' presented prizes to the winners of Lyme Regis Library's recent competition to design a 'Bookasaurus', which ran in conjunction with the recent Fossil Festival.

The library staff were delighted with the number of entries.

Dean said: "It was a pleasure to meet all of the budding palaeontologists. The artwork for Bookasaurus was fantastic!"

The library worked with Lyme Regis Development Trust, organisers of the Development Trust.

Trustee David Gale, who also attended the presentation of prizes, commented: "The Development Trust is delighted to be building closer links with the county library as they work together to offer a more integrated public open access service point within the existing library, whilst tirelessly pursuing the aim of the potential development of the site to provide a new improved library and affordable housing."

The library was supported by SeaSalt, The Old Forge Fossil Shop, Primary Colours, Dottie Kitchen, the Tourist Information Centre and the Development Trust who all donated prizes, and the entries can be viewed in the library.

Bowls club hosts open day

■ CHARMOUTH Bowls Club recently welcomed visitors to its annual open day. There was a good turnout for the event on St George's Day, where residents and visitors could try their hand at bowls. Pictured above are club chairman Mark, president Ivan and captain Mick. For further information on the club contact honorary secretary Jackie on 01297 560295.

If you have a story for Lyme Regis, call Francesca Evans on 01297 446154 or email francesca@viewnews.co.uk

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SUMMER is finally on the horizon: the soil is warming, the cold frame is filling, the plants are hardening off – the question is how are you going to get them in the ground without it hurting?

The tradition method of squatting or bending down and scraping a planting hole with a trowel falls, for many people, into the category of 'no pain, no gain'. An afternoon of trowel use hurts your wrist and elbows; squatting kills your knees and bending does your back in... but there is a way to fill your borders with flowers and your beds with vegetables without it costing you several visits to a chiropractor.

If you have resisted the temptation to fill every square inch of soil with seedlings the moment Easter has passed, then not only are you going to avoid frosts but your plants are much less likely to get checked by an inclement May – instead of planting out young, tender plants into the soil, pot them on into three-inch pots and harden them off for a couple of weeks.

Not only will you have healthier plants that flower earlier, but this will also enable you to employ a cunning, pain-free method of planting. A three-inch pot pretty much perfectly fills the plug-hole from a bulb planter, and if you invest in a long-handled planter with a foot bar, then it takes very little effort and no bending or digging to make a series of holes into which you can simply drop your mature plants, which then only need to be heeled in.

Another tip is to make sure you keep an edge on the bulb planter – it's a cutting tool and will go into soil with far less effort if it's sharp and consider dividing up your planting into twenty-minute sessions: there are plenty of other jobs to be getting on with in between planting out and frequent changes of activity help to avoid physical stress and strain.

It won't work for absolutely every single plant, but it can be used for everything from runner beans and sweet corn to flowering annuals and box cuttings – and afterwards, you'll be smiling rather than grimacing!

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WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

- Finish off planting up summer containers, but if you include tender plants, make sure you shelter them or cover them with horticultural fleece overnight if frost is forecast.
- Shade greenhouses with shade netting to stop them becoming overheated and keep the windows and doors open during the daytime.
- Propagate marginal plants from cuttings including brooklime (Veronica beccabunga) and water mint (Mentha aquatic). Insert cuttings in pots of mud and place in a bowl filled with water so that it just covers the surface of the pots. The cuttings should root quickly.
- Continue sowing beetroot to provide crops throughout the summer.
- Fill in gaps between border perennials by sowing the seeds of hardy annuals straight into their flowering positions. Summer-flowering bulbs and foliage plants in pots will also add interest.
- As tulips fade, snap off the dead heads before they have a chance to make seed. This will help the bulbs concentrate their energy on producing next year's blooms.
- Cut back ceanothus and other spring-flowering shrubs including forsythia.
- Give topiary, such as box balls, a quick trim after a surge in spring growth may have left them out of shape.
- Watch out for lily beetle and pick them off before they damage your lilies.

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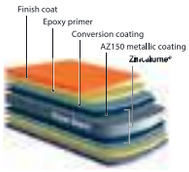

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Dementia Awareness Week later this month aims to make Bridport dementia friendly

LOCAL residents are being urged to get involved with making Bridport dementia friendly.

Dementia Awareness Week takes place from May 14th to May 20th and there will be dementia friend sessions taking place at Bridport Arts Centre on Wednesday, May 17th.

They are an hour long and being led by the Alzheimer's Society at 11am and 2pm.

Everyone who attends will leave as an Alzheimer's Society-affiliated Dementia Friend and receive a free badge.

Megan Dunford, the participation officer on the Bridport Dementia Friendly Town steering group, is keen to make sure dementia is a topic that everyone can talk about openly.

She said: "Dementia affects so many people in our community.

"Often those with a form of dementia, their family and carers are left feeling like outsiders in society.

"We want to develop a shared understanding of dementia. By attending a dementia friend session you will feel more supported and confident about how you can help.

"Lets make people with dementia and their carers feel more included."

As well as the sessions, there is a special artists' talk from Jenni Dutton on Friday, May 19th at 4pm.

Her series of portraits known as the Dementia Darnings are on view currently in the café space at the arts centre.

She made these whilst caring for her mother, who lived with dementia until she died in 2015.

A dementia friendly screening of *Singin' in the Rain* will be shown on Thursday, May 25th at 2.30pm at Bridport Arts Centre and there is a special workshop on Wednesday, May 31st from 11am to 2pm, which is free for those with early stage dementia and their carers.

For more information contact Megan Dunford at participation@bridport-arts.com or call 01305 424204.

■ A NUMBER of events will be taking place in Bridport during Dementia Awareness Week later this month to make the town dementia friendly. Pictured are members of the Bridport Dementia Friendly Town steering group

Still time to take part in MusicAthon

■ THERE is still time for local musicians, choirs and singers to take part in this year's Music-Athon on June 10th.

The annual event provides a day of music at the Bridport United Church and more performers are being encouraged to sign up and be a part of it.

Bookings are for 10-minute slots and both choirs and bands can book a double slot. Slots for both the morning and afternoon are still available and anyone interested should contact organiser Jo O'Farrell at jo@jovian.co.uk

The music event will be raising money for the Richard Ely Trust and The British Red Cross Support at Home Service and whilst the audience does donate on the day, the bulk of the funds are raised through each individual taking part raising money from sponsorship. Pictured are the Bucky Maybes ukulele band performing at last year's event.

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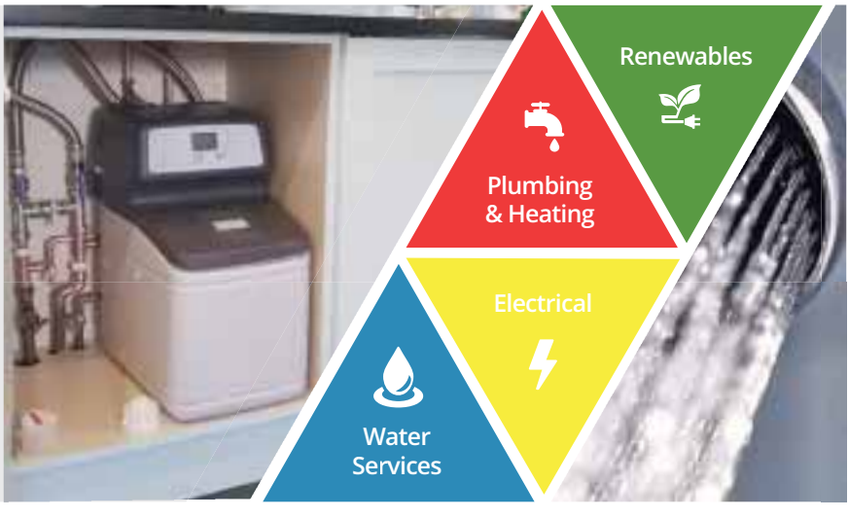

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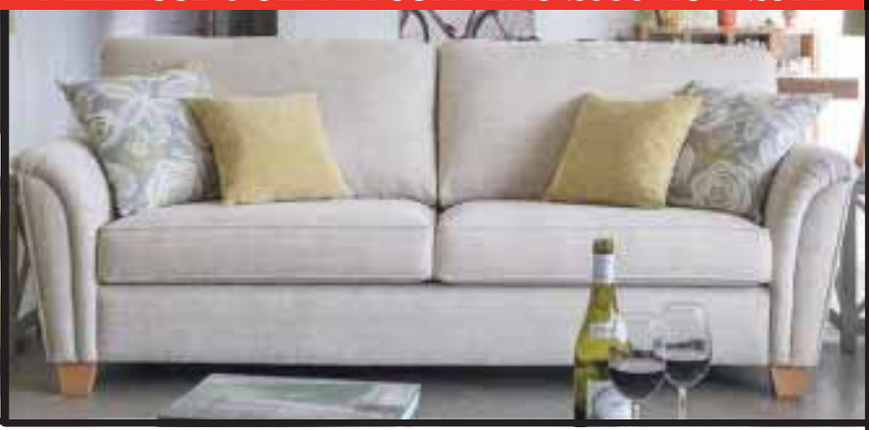

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News from around Dorset

A week of discounted treats for Dorset residents

RESIDENTS across Dorset can enjoy discount deals at many of the county's top attractions during the 12th annual Dorset Residents' Week from May 8th to 14th, using the special offer vouchers featured in the spring edition of Dorset County Council's community newspaper 'Your Dorset'.

The vouchers can be used during Dorset Residents' Week at more than 50 leading leisure and entertainment venues in and around the county from historic homes and museums to country parks and fitness facilities.

The attractions this year include the Nothe Fort, Tutankhamun Exhibition, Bennetts Water Gardens, Sherborne Castle, Portland Castle, Langham Wine Estate and more.

A full list of all the attractions taking part and the promotions on offer is included alongside the vouchers in the centre four pages of 'Your Dorset' which were delivered through residents' doors from Monday, April 3rd.

All of the special offers covered by the vouchers will be valid during Residents' Week only and are subject to availability.

Dorset Residents' Week has been organised by the Visit Dorset Tourism Partnership, and the initiative aims to showcase the many great family attractions available on our doorstep.

Nick Thornley, on behalf of the Visit Dorset Tourism Partnership, said: "Residents' Week provides an unmissable opportunity for local residents to visit some of Dorset's top visitor attractions for less.

"We are extremely fortunate to live in such a wonderful area and I encourage residents to come out and enjoy the best of what Dorset has to offer and to tell friends and family when they visit later in the year.

"I would like to thank all the attractions that are involved with Dorset Residents' Week this year for making it such a successful event."

If you missed or have misplaced your copy of 'Your Dorset', you can download the Residents' Week supplement from www.visit-dorset.com which gives details on all participating attractions and their offers plus extra vouchers if needed.

TIM Batty from the Dinosaur Museum promoting the week with Jessica Matthews from Visit Dorset

For more information about Dorset Residents' Week, along with detailed information about accommodation, events, activities, heritage and culture around the county visit visit-dorset.com

Local children in urgent need of foster care

AROUND 500 children in Dorset are in need of foster homes, with around 40 requiring immediate placement. To encourage more people to consider fostering, Dorset County Council has organised four fostering open days across the county on Saturday, May 13th and 20th.

Vanessa Glenn, the county council's assistant director for care and protection, said:

"We desperately need people in Dorset to look after children of all ages and needs. Fostering could provide these vulnerable children with a 'normal' home life, either for a short period or through to adulthood.

"Many people don't realise you can be a foster carer whatever your age, so long as you're over 21, and whether you're single or living with a partner, employed or not.

"If you think you could make a difference to a child's life, pop along to one of our open days – the team can answer your questions and help you explore possibilities about fostering."

The open days are part of Foster Care Fortnight (May 8th-21st), a national foster carer recruitment campaign. Across the UK, a child comes into care every 20 minutes and it's anticipated that more than 9,000 new foster families will be needed in the next 12 months.

The open days are on a drop-in basis on the following dates:

Saturday, May 13th

- Bridport Leisure Centre, 10am to 4pm
- Christchurch Library, 10am to 4pm
- The Exchange, Sturminster Newton, 10am to 4pm

Saturday, May 20th

- Dorford Centre, Dorchester, 10.30am to 4pm

Anyone wanting more information about fostering should call 01305 225568 or visit www.dorsetforyou.com/fostering

Walk 1:
Woolacombe to Morte Point (circular - six miles)

WELCOME to Herbie & Hilda's journey around the South West Coast Path. The route, regularly referred to as one of the most beautiful yet diverse in the world, stretches for 630-miles from Minehead to Poole.

As we are both still working we are unable to complete the path in one strenuous six-week walk as others have done.

Instead, we plan to jump around the route in random places taking in smaller - bite sized - walks that would appeal to most. We have already completed approximately 15 per cent of the 630 miles prior to this first instalment, but will recap on these at a later date.

You can follow our trek which will include notable landmarks or points of interest, in the form of this column that will pop-up at regular intervals as and when we cross off another stretch.

To start with we headed off for a week in Woolacombe in north Devon and the rugged Atlantic Coast.

Walk One - Woolacombe to Morte Point (and back): total 4 miles.

Most jaunts on the north Devon coast, particularly in March, will be bracing with a fresh wind off the Atlantic Ocean, this one had plenty of this, but with warm sunshine too.

We headed east from out our base in Woolacombe and were immediately met by a WWII monument to the American Marines who carried out crucial exercises in 1943 in the lead up to D-Day on beaches that closely replicated those huge expanses of sand accompanied by steep dunes on the Normandy Coast, in particular 'Omaha' beach.

But this walk has little sand to see and is in fact dominated by the dramatic Morte slate with its rugged rocky quality and imposing shadows, the nearby village of Morthoe has a section dedicated to the numerous shipwrecks, five in 1852 alone, that litter this area.

The spring is a great time to also appreciate the plentiful, hardwearing gorse bushes with their vivid yellow which perfectly compliment the clear blue skies and lush green vales - but do beware the cliff edges as the unforgiving rocks below await - Morte Point translates to death point!.

The walk took us about two hours in total - including the obligatory coffee and banana stop - and is perfect for a half day jaunt, providing the sun shines.

For further details on the Path visit www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk - it's a great hobby, for all ages, taking you to places you might never have been to and upon sights you would never have seen.

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About National Smile Month

IN a nutshell, National Smile Month is the UK's largest and longest-running campaign to promote good oral health.

Together, with thousands of individuals and organisations, National Smile Month highlights three key messages, all of which go a long way in helping us develop and maintain a healthy mouth. They are:

- Brush your teeth last thing at night and on at least one other occasion with a fluoride toothpaste.
- Cut down on how often you have sugary foods and drinks.
- Visit your dentist regularly, as often as they recommend.

The aim of National Smile Month is to ultimately improve the UK's oral health. Organised by oral health charity, the Oral Health Foundation, the campaign hopes to raise awareness of important health issues, and make a positive difference to the oral health of millions.

With the help and enthusiasm of those who are passionate about health and well-being, National Smile Month 2017 hopes to see thousands of events and activities up and down the UK educate and engage local communities about the importance of a healthy mouth.

In 2017, the campaign will take place between **15 May and 15 June**, and will encourage all dental and health professionals, schools, pharmacies, community groups, colleges and workplaces – in fact anyone with an interest in good oral healthcare, to join in and help us educate, motivate and communicate positive oral health messages and improves the quality of smiles all around the UK.

But National Smile Month isn't just about education and stressing the importance of a healthy mouth – the key to the success of the campaign is that we have lots fun doing it!

So what next?....

Get Smiling: Head over to our Events Hub (on our website) and discover how you, your practice, hospital, school or workplace can take part in our wonderful campaign. We have loads of great ideas to help you promote oral health, along with all the resources for you to make it as successful as possible!

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Tips for a Healthy Mouth

GOOD oral health can have so many wonderful life-changing benefits. From greater self-confidence to better luck in careers and relationships, a healthy smile can truly transform your visual appearance, the positivity of your mind-set, as well as improving the health of not only your mouth but your body too.

As part of National Smile Month, we have put together some top tips covering all areas of your oral health, to help keep you smiling throughout the campaign.

Caring for your mouth

- Brush your teeth last thing at night and at least one other time during the day with a fluoride toothpaste.
- Clean in between your teeth at least once a day using interdental brushes or floss.
- To check if you have bad breath lick your wrist, let it dry and give it a sniff, if it smells your breath probably does too.
- If you use mouthwash don't use it directly after brushing as you rinse away the fluoride from your toothpaste.
- Quit smoking to help reduce the chances of tooth staining, gum disease, tooth loss, and in more severe cases mouth cancer.
- Make sure your toothpaste contains fluoride; it helps strengthen tooth enamel making it more resistant to decay.
- Change your toothbrush every two to three months or sooner if it becomes worn as it will not clean the teeth properly.

Visiting your dentist

- Visit your dentist regularly, as often as they recommend.
- Some dentists may offer home visits for people who are housebound or have difficulty visiting the surgery.
- If you are nervous about visiting the dentist, make sure they are aware of why so they can improve your treatment.
- Help to overcome dental anxiety by taking a friend with you for support or listen to music to help you relax and focus on something else.
- Your dentist will carry out a visual mouth cancer check during your regular check-up.
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Making room for the serpent at Story Café

MYTHOLOGIST, author and shamanic teacher, Martin Shaw returns to Bridport Story Café on Friday, May 19th with the tale of The Lindwurm: 'Making Room for the Serpent – myth and the nourishing dark'. It is a rare opportunity to hear this master storyteller in the intimate setting of Bridport Arts Centre café.

Those who have heard Martin before will not need to be reminded of his powerful use of language, his imaginative and reflective telling of the old stories. As with all the best tellers, he has truly 'walked the stories' and became a storyteller whilst living for four years in a black tent on the wilder fringes of England. Over the past years his reputation has grown as he travels and teaches internationally. He is the founder of the West Country School of Myth on Dartmoor and now regularly teaches at Schumacher College and in the USA.

"There is fox fur and woodsmoke in his thinking and a wild mix of courage, stories and troubling ideas – a kind of outlaw language". (Robert Bly)

The storytelling begins at 7.30pm. The evening is suitable for adults and older children. Tickets are £8 (£5 concessions) available from Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204 or visit www.bridport-arts.com

Upcoming evening events at Seaton Tramway!

SEATON TRAMWAY has a fantastic line up of special events this year, including the return of our superb "Allo Allo" Evening on the 27th May, as well as the ever popular "Dad's Army" Evening on the 24th June.

Searching for something with a certain 'je ne sais quoi'? Why not join us as Café René returns by popular demand for the third edition of "Allo Allo" for an evening of unforgettable entertainment! How will the plot unfold with the French café owner, the Gestapo & the Resistance? The tram departs Seaton at 7pm and returns from Colyton Station at 10pm, with a delicious two course meal to be served at 8pm. Guests can either purchase tickets for a tram ride, entertainment and food, or simply opt in to join us for dinner and entertainment at Colyton Station.

Prefer to remain on home soil? Join Captain Mainwaring and the British Home Guard in 'Walmington-on-Sea' for an evening of comedy and calamities. The tram departs Seaton at 7pm and returns from Colyton Station at 10pm, with a delicious two course meal to be served at 8pm. Guests can either purchase tickets for a tram ride, entertainment and food, or simply opt in to join us for dinner and entertainment at Colyton Station.

Tram, Entertainment and Food tickets are £27.50 per adult, £17 per child 3-15, and children under 3 are £5. Entertainment and Food tickets are £20 per adult, £12 per child 3-15, and children under 3 are £5. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

BOOK NOW either online at www.tram.co.uk or by phoning 01297 20375.

Farmer's Question Time - What do you want to ask?

THIS MONTH sees some fantastic events at Bridport Arts Centre as part of their exhibition in the main Allsop Gallery - '*Cape Farewell*'. Within the show are three projects from artists who have worked closely with farmers to highlight key issues that relate to food, farming & the environment. Artist Nessie Reid who now lives in West Wales, lived with two pure-bred Guernsey cows for 5 days in the heart of Bristol in her project 'The Miking Parlour' to raise awareness to the cost of milk. She is hosting a very special Farmers Question Time event this week - Thursday, May 11th, 7pm, tickets £5 from Bridport Arts Centre. The exhibition will be open from 6pm for those who want to have a look before the panel discussion, the event will last approx an hour and there will be a chance to ask questions.

Alongside this Bridport Arts Centre is showing the film *Comrades* by Bill Douglas,on Sunday, May 14th at 7.30pm, Tickets £3-£6. *Comrades* is all about the story of the Tolpuddle Martrys and a Special Talk and Communal Meal is taking place on Thursday, May 25th, 6pm, £5 with artists Anne-Marie Culhane and Ruth Levene. The artists will talk about their project 'A Field of Wheat' in which a Lincolnshire community of people collectively bought and looked after a Field of Wheat, this will be followed by a communal meal with bread made from the cultivated wheat in the Cafe Space.

Cape Farewell runs at Bridport Arts Centre until Saturday, June 3rd. Open Tuesday - Saturday:10am-4pm. For information on the events and exhibition, and to book tickets go to www.bridport-arts.com or Call 01308 424204. Box Office is Open Tuesday - Friday 10am-3pm, and Saturday 10am-4pm

Far From the Madding Crowd

Thomas Hardy's classic romance returns to his home town with a superb production

FOLLOWING on from their 2015 visit with an outstanding production of Jane Austin's Emma, Hotbuckle Productions bring Thomas Hardy's romance, *Far From The Madding Crowd* to his home town with live music and their trademark ensemble style on the Saturday, May 13th and Sunday, May 14th.

"I shall do one thing in this life – one thing certain – that is, love you, and long for you, and keep wanting you till I die."

As three very different suitors compete for her heart, spirited, independent Bathsheba Everdene must choose between them. Will she choose to marry for passion, for obligation or for true love and companionship? Or will she value her independence and not marry at all?

Tickets are £12 full price or £10 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Open Exhibition

DORCHESTER ARTS is calling on all Wessex artists to submit their work to be considered for their seventh Open Exhibition, which will take place in July 2017. The deadline for entries is Friday, May 26th.

This biennial art exhibition has grown consistently over the years and the 2015 Open attracted entries from more than 90 artists. The judges are as open to work from amateur artists as well-known names, making the show a wonderful opportunity for local people and visitors alike to discover the wealth of artistic talent the region has to offer.

Dorchester Arts Artistic Director, Mark Tattersall, commented "The range of work submitted for this exhibition is always extraordinary: as well as paintings, prints, drawings and photos we always see artists using materials such as textiles and paper in the most imaginative ways. We are also delighted that this year submissions can include 3-dimensional work such as sculpture and ceramics, as the exhibition has moved from the now disused Dorchester Arts Centre to the more flexible space at Duke's Gallery, near Brewery Square"

As before the Open is linked to Evolver Magazine and Dorset Art Weeks. There are three prizes: free entry for a solo exhibition in Dorset Art Weeks 2018, a feature in Evolver, and £250 cash.

Full details and entry forms can be obtained from the Dorchester Arts website, or by emailing enquiries@dorchesterarts.org.uk or calling 01305 266926.

The selection panel consists of Mark Tattersall (Artistic Director, Dorchester Arts), Simon Barber (Editor, Evolver Magazine), Suzy Rushbrook (Programme Curator/Membership Manager, Dorset Visual Arts), Deborah Westmancoat (winner of Exhibition Prize, DA Open 2015) and Sarah Wild (Partner, Duke's Auctioneers).

Childhood holiday journeyed to Lyme Regis – Via 30 countries!

The Zoots bring their smash-hit 'Sounds of the 60s' show to a very special local audience

AWARD-WINNING musicians 'The ZOOTS' have sold over half a million albums, wowed audiences of stage and screen in more than 30 countries, and played iconic venues like Old Trafford and The London Palladium. The Zoots' music has appeared on TV ads, and made lead singer Jamie Goddard a gold-selling songwriter. Yet according to the band, their greatest challenge comes on May 19th in Lyme Regis — because that's when The Zoots debut at The Marine Theatre!

With his clean-cut good looks and friendly manner, you might be forgiven for thinking that dishy lead singer Jamie Goddard would be unfazed by being in the spotlight. After all, Jamie divides his time between working as a male fashion model, and being the front man for a family-friendly, Sixties-themed band that 'The Stage' calls "impossible not to like". But Jamie is nervous about playing The Zoots' hit show at the place he spent lots of holidays, he toured The Zoots round an incredible 30 countries before finally summoning the courage to organise a show at The Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis.

■ The Zoots

As Jamie puts it: "The ZOOTS have played in front of audiences on four continents, from Israel to Italy, Havana to Venice, Barcelona to Montego Bay — but there's something especially nerve-wracking about playing to a British crowd!" Harriet Lowther is The Zoots' backing singer and lead percussionist. (And, naturally enough, a fashion model to boot.) She explains: "It will be very special for us to play at The Marine Theatre, with lots of holiday memories!"

It's been a great twelve months for The Zoots. The band headlined at The Goodwood Festival, and were featured in the book 'Guardians of Rock and Roll' by world-famous photographer Michael Randolph, who was the official photographer to The Rolling Stones.

Tickets for The Zoots' *Sounds of the 60s* on Friday, May 19th are available for just £15, £13 concessions from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre or call the box office on 01297 442138.

Sparkle and Dark bring superheroes and villains for a theatrical exploration of grief

WHAT HAPPENS when the wildest parts of our imagination take control? After the death of her mother, Ellie escapes into her own fantasy world of comic book superheroes and be-witching strangers, recreating herself as the ultimate vigilante. Running a-midst dark alley ways and sinister villains, she soon meets the wild and mysterious Beast and together they seek revenge. But as the walls of her new world begin to crumble, Ellie must finally face the truth behind her fantasies.

Sparkle and Dark use innovative Bunraku puppetry and UV lighting to create an immersive world on stage. They continue to push boundaries of puppetry, developing a large scale, mechanised puppet cast in fibreglass that gives striking dynamism to the piece. The won- derful imagination of youth is captured through a stage that shifts between the real-life bedroom of a young girl, to a fantastical comic book world, making use of UV effects to transform the set in an instant. An original contemporary electronic score is performed live on stage by Lawrence Illsley using synth, drum machines and electric guitar.

Lisa Wilcock of Bridport Arts Centre said "Sparkle and Dark are bringing us a thought-provoking and heart wrenching tale about grief and how we deal with loss. I'd recommend it for teenagers as well as older audiences"

I Am Beast comes to Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, May 20th at 8pm. Tickets are £12/£10, available from www.bridportarts.com 01308 424204

The show also comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Wednesday, May 24th at 8pm. Tickets are £12, £10 and £5, available from the box office on 01305 266926 or visit the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

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Live Gigs

Saturday 13 May
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry
Crown Inn, Bridport
V8 Hearts 9.30pm.
Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
The Godbrothers

Sunday 14 May
Crown Inn, Bridport
Avid Bowie 4-6pm.
Corn Exchange, Dorchester
Kokoro 2.30pm. £14/£12

Saturday 20 May
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry
Crown Inn, Bridport
Andy Grant Trio 9.30pm.
Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Perfect Strangers

Saturday 27 May
White Lion, Broadwindsor
John De Barra 9pm

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, May 6th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. Otis Redding
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8. Glen Miller
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Count Basie swings into Lyme Regis

■ Swing Unlimited All Stars Big Band

THE LEGENDARY Count Basie descends on Lyme Bay in the form of Swing Unlimited All Stars Big Band giving Basie's music a modern twist in their exciting, energetic and entertaining new show for Lyme Jazz Festival.

With vocalist Claire Wabbs, the band promise to add new zest to old favourites as well as originals never performed before. As the name suggests, the All Stars promise to swing with a capital S - bringing treats galore to both Basie and big band fans.

The All Stars Big Band is part of the Swing Unlimited stable based in Bournemouth and were founded in 2001 with the aim of popularising Count Basie's music. In this new show, The Count Basie Project, they include new arrangements and vocals to include well known favourites like 'April in Paris' and 'One O'clock Jump', as well new material audiences have never heard before.

■ The legendary Count Basie

Count Basie invented the swing sound that would change jazz in the 1930s and 40s and became the pre-eminent bandleader of the Big Band era. His band became synonymous with swing and his pioneering sound can still be heard in jazz orchestras all over the world. He summed up his approach: "I think the band can really swing when it swings easy, when it can just play along like you are cutting butter."

Swing Unlimited All Stars Big Band, Sunday, May 28th, Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis, 4.30pm. Tickets: £12. Online: www.lymeregisjazzfestival.co.uk or Box Office: 01297 441238.

Play it again Lyme!

THE NEXT bank holiday is just around the corner, and B Sharp are gearing up for a feast of music in Lyme Regis as musicians and street artists bring the streets alive beside the seaside. The B Sharp Busking Festival will be in full swing from 11am onwards on Saturday, May 27th, and has teamed up again with the Jazz & Blues Festival to be a part of what promises to be a long weekend packed with a variety of musical treats for everyone who enjoys playing or listening to music.

B Sharp's annual Busking Festival is an opportunity for musicians to come and play in the most stunning and unusual locations.

'Its time to come and make some noise together!' says Festival Organiser Diane Earle , 'Every year our festival brings fantastic surprises, buskers new and buskers old come from far and wide to play with us, Pirates to a 90 year old pianist, sax quintets, choirs to 5 year old singer. There's something for everyone'

Every year B Sharp make sure to offer something new, fun and enterprising for everyone to enjoy throughout the day. This year B Sharp are offering a master class jam special with the popular and charismatic local dance band Mr Jèan with a small performance and gathering at the end. Booking is strongly advised.

This popular annual festival welcomes musicians, street artists and audiences of all ages and experience, to bring the streets alive with the sound of music.

Fran Williams, Creative Director at B Sharp continues, 'With your support B Sharp can help more young people to take part in life changing musical experiences towards building a sound future. Look out for the B Sharp buckets by each of the buskers, and if you like what you hear, please do donate !'

The line up for the day includes:

- Busking – all around Lyme – 11am – 6pm
- 'Play Me' Piano and Open Mic – Marine Parade Jubilee Pavilion– 11am – 6pm
- Fun music workshop for early years and their families 11 -11.45 am
- 'Play Me' Drums – Gun Cliff (by the canon, town end of the Marine Parade) 2 – 4pm
- Jam - master-class with Mr Jéan – Pilot Boat Function Room – 6pm – 9pm for 16 years + adult players welcome (for more confident players) £5 per young person £10 adults. Concession available. Booking advisable.

Marcus Dixon, new Managing Director at B Sharp says: "Our Busking Festival is a real live experience for young people, enabling them to gain a broad spectrum of skills, confidence and experience while showcasing their creativity in music making and performance. It's this creativity and confidence that's profoundly important in shaping the future for young people, as students, employees, digital artisans and entrepreneurs in a world that's being rapidly transformed by exponential innovation and digital technology. We hope to see you there!"

Are you a musician and want to join in? If you would like to take part in any or all of the busking opportunities contact buskingfestival@bsharp.org.uk. Booking is advised to secure your preferred time and place. You can turn up on the day and sign in at the Welcome Desk on the seafront by the 'Play Me' Piano in the Jubilee Pavilion, Marine Parade Shelters.

If you would like to help develop B sharp and make a real difference for local young people please contact Marcus Dixon at marcusdixon@bsharp.org.uk

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Folk n Roll with the Phil Beer Band

THE PHIL Beer Band performs a unique blend of folk and roll trawled from Phil's treasure trove of traditional tunes and American country rock.

The highly popular line up comprises Gareth Turner, Steve Crickett, Greg McDonald, Olivia Dunn and of course, Phil Beer and promises to deliver a lively cocktail of folk, rock, country and blues.

The Phil Beer Band evolved organically in the early to mid 90s at Maisemore in Gloucestershire. It was a loose federation consisting of Phil Beer (Show of Hands) Nick Quarmby and Steve Crickett, all of whom lived close to each other, and melodeon player Gareth Turner from Northamptonshire. There was a need in the community for a band to play local events and ceilidhs and, following in the tradition set by the Albion Band (of which both Gareth and Phil were former members) the band always interspersed the dances with the odd song.

Basically, over a long period of time, it has evolved into a 'Folk n Roll' band with country rock overtones. It is the vehicle for Phil to return to the electric guitar and to have a good time with his mates. The band has seen many members and many tours but has been fairly inactive in the last five years. That's about to change. The Band's first full tour for a long time takes place next May with a new studio album in place. They look forward to seeing you then.

Support comes from The Hawthornes who, since forming in March 2013, have already chalked up an impressive resume. Relentlessly playing all over the country for anyone who will listen, they have already obtained a strong, loyal following thanks in part to landing top support slots with acts such as Terry & Gerry, 3 Daft Monkeys and Gerry Colvin (of ColvinQuarmby).

During this time they have also managed to release their debut album 'Stoneville Street' to critical acclaim and play top grass roots festivals such as New Forest Folk Festival, Lakefest and Y Not! Festival.

The Phil Beer Band play at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Thursday, May 25th. Doors open 7.30pm, music from 8pm. Tickets are £20, for £18 members and concessions.

■ The Phil Beer Band

Celebrate the summer with Artsreach!

THIS SUMMER, Artsreach continues to bring professional performances to rural venues right across Dorset, with the launch of its brand new and exciting programme, supported once more by local legal firm Blanchards Bailey. There's a whole variety of things on offer, with ten brilliant productions visiting eighteen venues across the County; everything from Spanish circus and comedy theatre to American stringband music and pop up opera!

Acclaimed seven-piece gypsy folk-rock band Holy Moly & The Crackers make a welcome return to Dorset with two special gigs for Artsreach as part of their national tour. In the perfect collision of rowdy tunes, pumping danceability and compelling storytelling, this wrangling folk group present a medley of original songs and old time drinking tunes, both hilarious and thrilling, and sure to entertain!

With eight albums and over a decade of touring under their belts, The Foghorn Stringband is considered the present day shining gold standard for American Stringband music. Old-time square dance tunes rub shoulders with Cajun waltzes, vintage honky-tonk songs and bluegrass picking, creating a bubbling and intoxicating musical brew. Artsreach offer two opportunities to see this outstanding American group in Dorset.

■ Living Spit

Seckou Keita has arguably become the most influential and inspiring kora player of his generation. Seckou fuses the traditional forms and instruments of Senegal with those of other cultures and, in his award-winning album 22 Strings, gives us the kora in its purest guise. Combined with evocative vocals, expect an unforgettable musical experience.

A whole host of Artsreach favourites will also be treading the boards with brand new productions over the coming months. It's June's big day! Time to crack out the bubbly, overly large hats and grandma's pearls for a proper wedding, the happiest day in any woman's life. However, what with an overly joyous father of the bride, nervous groom, lost best man and disgruntled mother-in-law-to-be, where is June? Throw the confetti, and save room for cake as Theatre Exchange make their Artsreach debut with 'Our June's Wedding'.

Then, join Living Spit in the starting blocks for another adrenaline fuelled theatrical lap! Told (once again) entirely in rhyme and song, 'Tortoise vs Hare' promises to be an epic tale of romance, redemption and rural running rivalry that you'll never forget. As always, early booking is certainly advised!

Set in the fictitious fishing village of Llareggub, the future stars of Bristol Old Vic Theatre School take a twenty four hour peek into the lives and loves of the likes of Captain Cat, Polly Garter and Willy Nilly, in Dylan Thomas' 'Under Milk Wood'; a beautiful, bawdy, affectionate, reckless and deeply original play. Returning once more on their popular open-air theatre tour, Cornwall's Miracle Theatre tackle Flann O'Brien's 'The Third Policeman'. Fans of this cult classic and newcomers alike should expect the unexpected!

The Artsreach summer programme also features two exciting firsts for the scheme; in April, Max Calaf Seve performs 'Anyday', a Spanish comedy circus show featuring breath-taking trampoline skills and hilarious clowning in a brilliant and unique show for all the family.

■ Seckou Keita

Then in June, we are excited to bring the acclaimed cast of Pop up Opera to Dorset for one night only. These professional opera singers are dedicated to making opera enjoyable and inviting, without losing the quality of musical performance, and early booking is strongly advised for their performance of one of the most successful comic operas, Il Matrimonio Segreto (The Secret Wedding).

Families in Dorset don't have long to wait until the release of the Artsreach Children's Summer Workshop programme but, in the meantime, PaddleBoat Theatre Company invites you help set up camp with them at The Kingcombe Centre, and enjoy the greatest campfire story ever told: where sleeping bags evolve into monsters, rucksacks become friends and torches highlight the forest's closest secrets. 'Rustle' is an interactive family adventure jam-packed with puppets, songs and outdoor surprises.

For more details visit the Artsreach website at www.artsreach.co.uk

Absolute T-Rextasy!

T.REXTASY, has been performing all over the world for 25 years, a career that ironically out-lives Marc's very own T.Rex. In 2017, the band returns to venues across the UK to transport audiences back to the 70s for the Marc Bolan 40th commemorative anniversary tour.

Marc Bolan, with his band T.Rex, was one of the most flamboyant and charismatic stars of the original glam rock era. With Bolan's special ingredient of Rock-a-Boogie songs throughout the 1970s including 'Telegram Sam' and 'Jeepster' he was able to obtain what would be yet another Top 20 record in 1976 that has since become one of the most memorable and everlasting signature tunes, 'I Love to Boogie'.

Accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to Marc Bolan & T.Rex, and the only band endorsed and approved by Marc Bolan's family, estate, original ex-members of T.Rex, and Bolan's catalogue management, T.Rextasy have been described by many as 'beyond the boundaries of tribute'. The skilled musicianship of Danielz (vocals and lead guitar), Neil Cross (rhythm guitars, backing vocals), Rob Butterfield (bass guitar, backing vocals) and John Skelton (drums) lets the timeless music and legacy of Marc Bolan and T.Rex live on, performing everything from 20th Century Boy to Children of the Revolution and Telegraph Sam to Hot Love with superb authenticity.

This full-on concert showcases all of the hits and more, with both electric and acoustic performances, faithfully recreating the energy and performance of Marc Bolan and T.Rex. Bringing audiences to their feet across the globe, the whole family will enjoy the experience of being transported back to the 70s to re-live the experience of attending a Marc Bolan concert live.

T.Rextasy bring The Marc Bolan 40th Commemorative Anniversary Tour to Yeovil's Octagon Theatre on Saturday, June 3rd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20.50 or £19 (concessions), available from the box office on 01935 422884 or online at ther website www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

■ Danielz as Marc Bolan

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Former youth boxing champion Jimmy McCabe, after hitting rock bottom, returns to his childhood boxing club and his old team, gym owner Bill and corner-man Eddie.
Stars Ian McShane, Ray Winstone, and Johnny Harris.

THE LAST FACE [15]
A director (Charlize Theron) of an international aid agency in Africa meets a relief aid doctor (Javier Bardem) amidst a political/social revolution, and together face tough choices surrounding humanitarianism and life through civil unrest.
Stars Charlize Theron, Javier Bardem, Adèle Exarchopolous and Jean Reno.

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Lady Macbeth [15]
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Miss Sloane [15]
Daily: 13.50, 16.50, 19.50
Sing [U] Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Sleepless [15]
Fri, Mon-Tue: 12.30, 14.50, 20.50
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Sun: 14.50, 17.10,
Mon-Tue: 17.10
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Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come to their coffee pop-in. You are welcome to come any time between 9.30 am and 12 noon and enjoy a drink and a rest from your shopping. There is also a stall selling handcrafted cards and other items, proceeds go to the Dorcas Wessex Trust.
LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast. 'Harrods in Edwardian Times'. Talk by Yvonne Bell. Early catalogues and much more provide a fascinating insight into the shopping habits of the comfortably-off around 100 years ago, and much wry humour when viewed from a modern perspective. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10am, talk at 11am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

THURSDAY MAY 11TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: Aqua fit sessions at Highland's End swimming pool, 10.30am, followed by Babies and Toddlers sessions at 11.30. More details from Penny Yarnold on 07970 879047.
DORCHESTER: Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall, Fordington. Jill Slade of Julia's House will show a DVD by Martin Clunes. Start at 2.15pm, charge is £1 to include a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All welcome. The Thursday group meets on the second Thursday of most months. For more details call 01305 269834.

FRIDAY MAY 12TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
BRIDPORT: Coffee morning in aid of Dorchester Hospital Cancer Appeal. To be held at Smith & Smith (outfitters), 8 West Street, 10am-12noon. This appeal is to improve services for all cancer patients as part of a project bringing radiotherapy services to Dorset County Hospital, rather than patients having to travel long distances to Poole. There will be also be lots of cakes and a raffle with prizes donated by our suppliers. Please phone 01308 422172 for details.

SATURDAY MAY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Choral Society. 'Bushes and Briars' with the Bridport Cafe Quartet. At Bridport United Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £8, under 16s £4, including refreshments. Available from Bridport Music or on the door.
UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Spring Plant Sale, from 9:30-11:30 am in Uplyme Village Hall, entry £1. Donations of plants will be welcome, and there should be a wide range of flower and vegetable plants to buy, as well as tea, coffee and cakes. Be there early as the best plants disappear quickly!
WEYMOUTH: Broadwey, Upwey & District Horticultural Society Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Upwey, Weymouth starting at 2:00pm. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and more will be on sale at reasonable prices. Tea and coffee plus cakes also available. Details from 01305 814887 or see our website, BUDHS.
WEYMOUTH: Christian Aid "Big Brekkie" at Holy Trinity Church from 9am-11am.Want to change the world over breakfast at the start of Christian Aid Week? Then come and fill up at our Big Brekkie! Enjoy a continental-style breakfast with a chance to meet Fiona Daborn, Christian Aid's Regional Coordinator for Dorset. For further details and tickets £3 ring 01305 777238 or just come along on the day. Tuck in to save lives.
LYME REGIS: Local crafts and collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. Free admission. From 10.30am. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE cancer charity. For more details call 01297 445232.
LODERS: Loders School May Fair, 1.30pm-4pm at Loders School. Open to all. Stalls, games, refreshments, tombola, face painting, and grand raffle.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Choral Society concert 'Bushes and Briars'. Featuring the Bridport Café Quartet. At Bridport United Church, 7.30pm. Tickets (including refreshments) £8, under 16s £4, from Bridport Music or on the door.

SATURDAY MAY 13TH & SUNDAY MAY 14TH

UPWEY, WEYMOUTH: South Dorset Woodcarvers, the Menzies Art Group and friends exhibition at Upwey Old School Hall, Church Street DT3 5QE, 10am-5.30pm. A range of items will be on show, including woodcrafts, paintings in different mediums, jewellery, walking sticks and handicrafts. Entry is free and there will be demonstrations of woodcraft techniques

SUNDAY MAY 14TH

POWERSTOCK: Plants and Teas Lindisfarne. Powerstock 2 - 5pm. Supporting the British Red Cross and Parkinson's UK. Sorry NO dogs.

MONDAY MAY 15TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY MAY 16TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'From Phaetons to Phantoms - Coachwork Design in the 18th & 19th Centuries' speaker Clive Barham-Carter. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
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DORCHESTER: Christian Aid Market at United Church, South Street, 9.45am-1.45pm. A big variety of stalls; cakes, plants, books, jewellery, bric-a-brac etc. Plus coffee, teas, and ploughman's lunches. Official opening by Councillor Tim Harries, Mayor of Dorchester.

THURSDAY MAY 18TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Alan Leaman on 'Gardening in Containers and Baskets'.
WEYMOUTH: Friends of Weymouth Library (FOWL) AGM. Also talk from Anne Cleveland on her experiences as a singer with Carl Rosa and Sadlers Wells opera company. 2.30pm

FRIDAY MAY 19TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club AGM and end of season awards, plus social evening. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents 'The King and I' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 5.30pm, film 6pm. Tickets are Yarn Batrton 01308 862715 weekdays 9.30-12.30 & Saturdays 9.30-1pm, or call Elaine on 01308 861746.
WEYMOUTH: The South Dorset branch of the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society will be holding its monthly meeting at The St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Rd, Radipole. This month's speaker is Carl Whitehouse and his subject will be "Thomas Buxton & Sir Samuel Mico". The afternoon starts at 2pm with tea, coffee and biscuits followed by the talk at 2.30. Admission is £2.

SATURDAY MAY 20TH

WEYMOUTH: Friends of Weymouth Library talk from ex Weymouth librarian Bob Sharpe on Crime Writing. £2 for members, £3 non members. 10.30am
BRIDPORT: New Elizabethan Singers will perform Handel's 'Israel in Egypt' at St Swithun's Church, Allington, Bridport at 7.30pm. This concert has been rescheduled from January due to very tragic events. Tickets bought for the original concert will, of course, be accepted or are available from Goadsby or Bridport Music, both in South St, price £12, (under 18's free). For more information, please contact 07528 105977 or see thenewelizabethansingers.org.uk/concerts
BRIDPORT: Wessex Military Band concert at Bucky Doo Square, 10am-1pm. Free but voluntary donations by bucket collection.
LYME REGIS: Local crafts and collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. Free admission. From 10.30am. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE cancer charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

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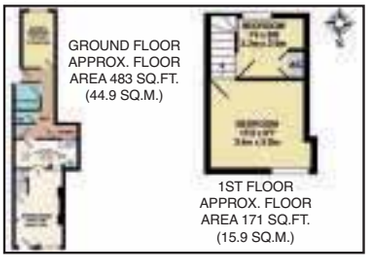

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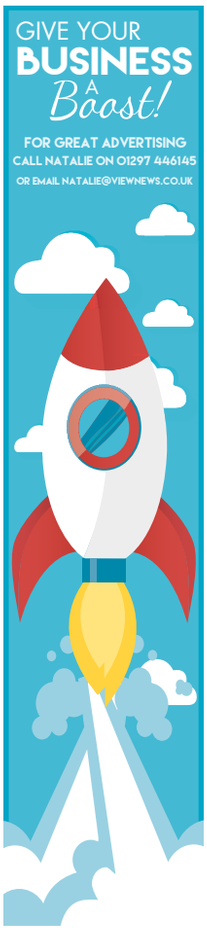

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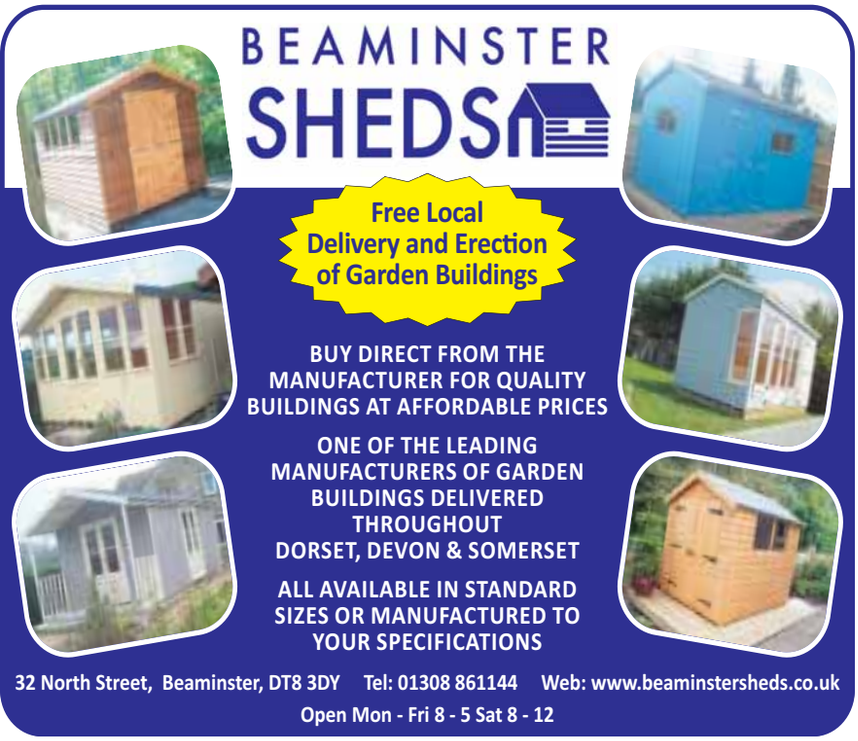

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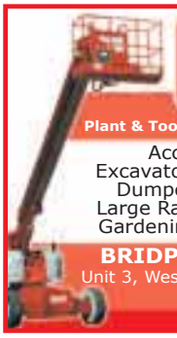

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THE SLC 180 AMG Line has been added to the SLC range, with prices starting from £32,039 OTR.

With monthly payments starting from as low as £276, the new SLC 180 makes the Mercedes-Benz roadster range more accessible than ever before.

The SLC 180 features a turbo-charged 1.6-litre petrol engine producing 156 hp and 250 Nm. It can accelerate from 0 to 62 mph in 7.9 seconds and has a top speed of 140 mph. It emits a low 134 g/km of CO2 and delivers up to 48.7 mpg combined. A six-speed manual transmission is standard, or for £1,600 customers can opt for a 9G-Tronic automatic gearbox.

The SLC 180 AMG Line comes as standard with 18-inch alloy wheels; Artico seats; Active Brake Assist; cruise control; air conditioning; sports suspension; and sports braking system.

The SLC Sport model line has also been discontinued to make the range even simpler, with AMG Line now the only option. The price of AMG Line trim has also been reduced by £500, making the SLC line-up even more attractive.

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SEAT confirms UK pricing and specification for all-new Ibiza

THE countdown has started for the most important event of the year so far for SEAT, with first orders being taken this week for the All-new SEAT Ibiza. The arrival of the hotly anticipated new model this summer promises to add even more impetus to the remarkable sales success the stylish Spanish brand is enjoying nationwide.

"Ibiza is an iconic model for SEAT, a best-seller that's been at the heart of our line-up for more than 30 years," said Richard Harrison, Director, SEAT UK. "With that kind of heritage, you can be sure the new model will be a benchmark car, taking SEAT quality, design, engineering and technology to an even higher level.

"The New Leon range and the Ateca, our first SUV, have set the scene perfectly, generating huge customer response and helping raise UK sales to record heights already this year. The All-new Ibiza will complete a powerful trio at the heart of our brand and we cannot wait to introduce it to British buyers."

Early reports from British media experts who were first to get behind the wheel signal just how good a car the latest Ibiza promises to be. Auto Express magazine declared it "sets the class standard" for superminis, while What Car? reports that it's "great to look at and to drive – one of the best small cars you can buy".

In terms of street appeal, the All-new Ibiza – now exclusively a five-door – is every inch a modern SEAT, designed and developed in Barcelona. Sporty, edgy lines combine with sculpted bodywork to give the car striking, eye-catching appeal, with a clear bloodline link to the cool styling cues established with the new Leon and Ateca, and further distinguishing SEAT as a leader in contemporary car design. Hot new exterior colours and a class-leading eight-inch infotainment screen have been added too, to keep Ibiza firmly on-trend with current tastes.

The new underpinnings are the key to making the latest Ibiza a lithe performer around urban streets and an engaging proposition when out on the open road. They also allow for an exceptionally spacious cabin in a car that's actually shorter than the one it replaces: with width increased by 87mm, 60mm added to the wheelbase and 35mm more rear legroom, comfortable accommodation is guaranteed. And there's more room in the boot, too, with an extra 63 litres available.

The All-new Ibiza arrives at launch with a choice of four petrol engines, majoring on a new 1.0-litre three-cylinder unit, engineered to deliver a compelling mix of economy and spirited performance. In standard form it will produce a useful 75PS, while turbo versions will offer 95 and 115PS – the latter reserved for the sporty FR model with a six-speed manual or sophisticated dual-clutch automatic transmission. Official benchmark figures indicate combined cycle fuel consumption from 60.1 mpg and 106 g/km of CO2 (1.0 TSI 95PS). To add an extra performance dimension to the range, the FR will also be available with a potent 150PS 1.5 EVO engine, while diesels will be added to the line-up later in the year.

The new SE Technology is the expected top pick for UK buyers, coming equipped with Media System Plus with eight-inch colour touchscreen, navigation with 3D map display, voice recognition, DAB digital radio and two USB ports. The FR focuses on sportier looks with 17-inch alloys, dark-tinted rear glass, brilliant black and chrome bodywork details and twin exhausts; likewise, the cabin is fitted with sports front seats and flat-bottom steering wheel and Full Link smartphone integration. Add in sports suspension, rear disc brakes and SEAT Drive Profile with four selectable drive modes and you have a car that adds authentic performance to its arresting looks. XCELLENCE, new to Ibiza, tops out the range, with distinguishing features such as 16-inch machined alloy wheels, Atom Grey door mirror housings, Alcantara upholstery, dual-zone climate control, keyless entry-and-go, front and rear parking sensors and a rear-view camera.

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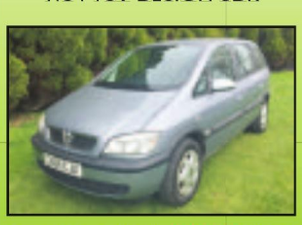

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Local football round-up

As they stand

Toolstation Prem (end)	Pd	GD	Pts
Bristol Manor F (C)	38	85	102
Street	38	66	92
Melksham Town	38	62	85
Buckland Athletic	38	49	83
Bradford Town	38	34	68
Willand Rovers	38	17	67
Odd Down	38	25	64
Cribbs	38	23	61
Gillingham Town	38	26	60
Brislington	38	4	53
Cadbury Heath	38	0	53
Shepton Mallet	38	-4	48
Chipping Sodbury	38	-28	42
Clevedon Town	38	-17	40
Wells City	38	-23	40
BRIDPORT	38	-23	37
Longwell Green	38	-73	34
Hallen	38	-58	22
Bitton	38	-56	19
Sherborne Town	38	-109	13

Dorset Premier (end)	Pld	GD	Pts
Holt Utd (C)	32	68	79
Balti Sports	32	55	70
Hamworthy Rec	32	69	69*
Merley Cobham	32	48	67
Westland Sports	32	58	65
Swanage & Herston	32	57	63
Dorchester Sports	32	17	59
Gillingham Res	32	23	54
Parley Sports	32	13	51
Blandford Utd	32	-23	39
Wareham Rangers	32	-34	32
Mere Town	32	-34	30
Sturm Newton Utd	32	-39	29
BRIDPORT RES	32	-30	28
Hamworthy Utd Res	32	-52	20
Sherborne Res	32	-65	14
Cranborne	32	-131	7

D&E Division 1 (end)	Pld	GD	Pts
Cronies FC (C)	20	72	53
Exeter Uni Res	20	19	38
Exmouth Town Res	20	15	35
Witheridge Res	20	5	35
Sidmouth Town Res	20	13	34
LYME REGIS	20	10	29
Colyton	20	-2	27
Wellington Res	20	-30	19
Alphington Res	20	-28	15
Willand Rovers Res	20	-33	14
Bickleigh	20	-41	10

D&E Division 6 (end)	Pld	GD	Pts
Winkleigh (C)	24	91	67
Exwick Village	24	52	53
LYME REGIS RES	24	45	51
Central FC	24	27	45
Halwill Reserves	24	24	42
Hemyock	24	34	40
Offwell Rangers	24	16	39*
Elmore Reserves	24	20	37
Tivvy Park Rangers	24	-25	23
Stoke Hill	24	-42	22*
Dunkeswell Rovers	24	-53	18
Hatherleigh Res	24	-92	10*
Silverton	24	-97	5

Perry St Prem (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Barrington	17	32	41
South Petherton	18	40	40
Beaminster	18	46	37
Misterton	18	32	33
Shepton Beauchamp	17	11	32
Winsham Utd	18	-19	23
Chard Utd	18	-8	21
W & M Chinnock	18	-20	13
Netherbury	18	-67	9
Combe Reserves	18	-47	6*

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Merriott Rovers	17	42	36
Waytown Hounds	18	20	35
Forton Rangers	18	34	33
Hawkchurch Utd	17	30	32
Ilminster Colts	18	10	32
Pymore	16	18	30
Uplyme	18	11	23
Shepton Beau Res	18	-30	14*
Combe A	17	-28	6*
S.Petherton Res	17	-101	5

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Halstock	16	52	39
Farway Utd	16	27	33
Chard Rangers	16	24	32
Winsham Utd Res	16	14	31
Charmouth	17	18	26
Dowlish & Donyatt	18	-16	22
Crewkerne Rangers	18	-2	20
Kingsbury Episc	18	-30	17
Thorncombe	18	-15	16
Chard Utd Res	17	-73	7

Perry St Div 3 (22)	Pld	GD	Pts
Misterton Reserves	22	93	56
Forton Rangers Res	21	71	55
Uplyme Reserves	20	58	48
Thorncombe Res	22	3	33
Merriott Dynamos	21	-7	30
Lyme Regis Rovers	21	16	29*
Crewk Rangers Res	22	7	29
Ilminster Town A	21	-16	28
Fivehead	22	-29	28
Farway Utd Res	22	-38	16
Chard Rangers Res	22	-51	11
Chard Utd All Stars	22	-107	5*

That's enough! Beaminster head east

Final despair as Uplyme beaten by 10-man Misterton - Hounds have to wait, Pymore still in it

BEAMINSTER Football Club brought an end to their 11-year stint in the Perry Street League following a committee meeting on Thursday evening where current manager Gordy Childs and his players voiced their desire to leave the PSDL.

Club chairman Dave Pearson confirmed that the Dorset League had approved their application and that the Club would be taking their place in Division One next season.

"We had no choice. The players said they wouldn't be prepared to play in the PSDL and would leave if the club decided to stay. If that happened we would probably have had to fold.

"We've applied in time to join the Dorset League next season and our Memorial Ground meets the standard required for Division One football."

Dorset Division One currently comprises; *Broadstone, AFC Blandford, Wareham Rangers Reserves, Corfe Castle, Mere Town Reserves, Canford United, Tisbury, Wool & Winfrith, Swanage & Herston Reserves, Parley Sports Reserves, Weymouth A, Balti Sports Reserves, Portland United Youth and Portland Town.*

Next season's line-up is of course subject to some of these teams being promoted and relegated.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE
(Division Six)
Halwill Reserves 5
Lyme Regis Reserves 3

LYME Regis Reserves' pursuit of the Division six runners-up spot fell at the final hurdle when they were beaten by a strong Halwill Reserves' line-up despite having led three times.

The hosts struggle to cope with Steve Batey's long throw in's all afternoon and the opener came when one of these hit Kieren Daniels in the midrift and bobbled over the line.

Halwill leveled soon after only for Daniels to pounce onto another long throw in and slot home his second.

The hosts grabbed their second equaliser when Lyme keeper Ryan Turner spilled the ball. Turner was booked soon after in a flashpoint that saw an opponent also yellow carded having raised his hand to the gloveman's face in an altercation.

Teenager Daniels rounded off his first hat trick for the club when he converted Jonny Day's cross from on the byline. The Halwill linesman flagged for offside but was overruled by referee Luke Stamp.

But the hosts finished the game much the stronger and were soon level again before going on to win the game with two late goals as the wheels fell off a Lyme defence which has been impeccable in the last dozen games.

Lyme manager Gerard Hitchcock, who was pressed into a late five minute run out due to an increasing injury and unavailability list told *View Sport*: "We've had a pretty settled back five all season but with who we had available we had to start with a 3-5-2. We switched back to 4-4-2 at half time but our defending all game was pretty poor.

"Ryan [Turner] probably shouldn't have come to try and collect the ball for the second goal. He definitely shouldn't have been booked for the altercation – he'd had his foot stamped on and then the Halwill guy raised his hand and pushed him to the floor – they should have been down to 10-men from there.

"We looked leggy at the end and Halwill looked much stronger – they needed the win to give them a chance of promotion, and wanted it more than us."

***Lyme Regis Res**: Ryan Turner, Kingsley Wellman, Wallace Blackmore, Cam Fowler, Steve Batey, Alex Rowe (Capt), Luke Clifton, Kieren Daniels, Julien Simier (Will Meech 70), Jonny Day, Sam Bevis (Gerard Hitchcock 84).*

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
Tuesday
DIVISION THREE
Uplyme Reserves 5
Lyme Regis Rovers 1

EARLY goals from Alex Jones and MoM Jonnie Harris saw Uplyme Reserves take an early grip on last night's local derby with Lyme Regis Rovers at an immaculate-looking Venlake.

The Swallows carried the lead in to the interval and extended it further when Ryan Smith curled the ball into the top corner for the goal of the game.

The Seasiders pulled one back 10 minutes from time through top scorer Pete Peacock.

But the three goal-cushion was restored just seconds later when referee Tom Richardson spotted a push on James Souter-Phillips who got up and slotted home the resulting penalty.

There was still time for Jonnie Harris to lift the ball over onrushing Lyme keeper Chris Higgs to round things off at 5-1.

Thursday, May 4th
DIVISION ONE
Pymore 1 Forton Rangers 3

PYMORE'S hopes of winning the Division One title for the first time in their history all-but ended with defeat at the hands of Forton Rangers at St Mary's.

Andrew Stevenson fired Forton in front in the 20th minute but Ryan Gay scored his second goal of the season for the hosts just before half time to square things up.

Both sides had chances in the second half and George Read and Lee Richardson took two for the Rangers.

Saturday, May 6th
JOHN FOWLER CUP FINAL
Misterton Reserves 2
Uplyme Reserves 1

SATURDAY evening's John Fowler cup final at Halstock went with form as Misterton edged a 2-1 victory over the Uplyme youngsters, but it was a far from straight forward victory.

Things started badly for Uplyme, on the 20th anniversary of their last triumph in the competition, as they were caught cold in the fifth minute when Golden Boot favourite Callum Preston was given far too much time and space to head home his 56th goal of the season.

But their chances were given a huge boost in the 18th minute when flying winger Jonnie Harris burst past his marker and headed for goal where he was scythed down by Missy keeper Liam Sparks who was shown a straight red card by referee Simon Salter.

Despite the daunting task of playing with 10-men for over 70 minutes, Missy remained positive and were rewarded when Stuart Weston made it 2-0 just before half time after a lightning quick breakaway goal.

Uplyme were on top for large period of the second half as Misterton sat back to hold what they had.

The Swallows finally found a way through in the 84th minute when sub Jamie Pullinger was brought down in the area and James Souter-Phillips made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Uplyme now threw the sink at their opponents' goal; skipper James Whetlor went close from a corner, and claims for a second penalty after what appeared to be a clear hand ball in the area to keep out a Lorcan Hankin shot were waved away.

Finally, Souter-Phillips' 20-yard shot deep into stoppage went agonisingly over the cross bar.

***Uplyme**: Marcus Bearpark, Jamie Murray, Isaac Rodin, Jake sargent, James Whetlor (Capt), Wes Holmes, Lorcan Hankin, Alex Jones, Ryan Smith, James Souter-Phillips, Jonnie Harris. Subs; Frank Harris, Ben Prosser, Jamie Pullinger.*

PREMIER
Chard Utd 5 Beaminster 2

BEAMINSTER rounded off a week in which they confirmed they would be leaving Perry Street for the Dorset League with a disappointing defeat which has left them finishing in third spot having been favourites for the title for much of the season.

Josh Baker and Gordy Childs netted for the Rainbows who will be plying their trade in the Dorset league Division One next season.

Tom Newport scored a hat trick and Dan Scriven twice for Chard who enjoyed some good end of season form winning four on the spin.

DIVISION ONE
Ilminster Town Colts 2
Waytown Hounds 1

DEAFEAT at the Ilminster's new Archie Gooch Ground has left Waytown Hounds looking anxiously over their shoulders in the race for promotion to the Premier Division.

Hounds manager Joe Carter made a couple of positional changes having seen the Colts in action in midweek and things started well.

Jon Legg, deployed in a wide left role, had an early effort cleared off the line before opening the scoring with his 25th goal of the season.

But Ilminster, on an impressive seven-game unbeaten run in the league, levelled on the half hour when skipper Josh Jackson got on the end of a free kick to power the ball home past keeper Lee Cuff.

The winner came when the hosts broke up a Hounds attack and countered swiftly with Dave Lock picking out Kaymon Linsey who made no mistake.

Waytown, needing at least a point threw bodies forward in the last 20 minutes in attempt to salvage something from the game, but the best chances came at the wrong end with Cuff pulling off two fines saves.

Carter said afterwards: "I'm gutted, and expect I'm not alone. Results went our way, but unfortunately we fell at the last hurdle. Fair play to Ilminster, they'd been on a decent run. I don't think today's result is to blame, possibly the Hawkchurch and Shepton away games cost us.

I'd like to say a big thanks to those lads that gave everything every week. It's not a disaster by any stretch, and we are still potential runners up."

Uplyme 2 Hawkchurch Utd 1

BRAD Rowe was the hero and villain as Uplyme ended an indifferent campaign on a high note in joint managers' Jon Matthews and Rod Rowe's last game in charge.

Hawkchurch, playing their fourth game in 12 days and with the bare 11 took the lead through Josh Short. But a defensive blunder handed Rowe his first goal before half time.

Short had a great chance to put the Hawks back in front having rounded home keeper Toby Fowler but he fired into the side netting with the goal at his mercy.

Rowe then latched onto a throw in to score his 13th of the season. But the striker was shown a straight red card soon after by referee Paul Spurrell for foul and abusive language.

Buoyed by the numerical advantage but with tiring legs, Short went close again with an effort that came back off the bar but the Hawks ran out of steam.

Matthews told *View Sport*: "Brad was unfortunate to be sent off, the referee could have shown some common sense.

'We've had a tough season, both on and off the pitch, the lads could have given up pretty easily today but showed good commitment and gave us everything.

"If certain results had gone out way I'm convinced we could have been challenging for promotion.

"We [Matthews & Rowe] announced our decision to step down on Saturday with a heavy heart. But I'd like to thank every single player. They are a close knit, talented bunch."

DIVISION THREE
Lyme Regis Rovers 3
Merriott Dynamos 1

A RUN of four wins from five matches has carried Lyme Rovers up the Division Three table and in with a real chance of a creditable fifth place finish.

Dynamos took the lead in the eighth minute when right back James Williams failed to shepherd the ball out and resorted to bringing an opponent down. Jack McDougall stepped up and blasted home the resulting penalty.

Lyme created a few half chances with Tom Wood, Stefan Taylor and Matt Preece all going close before keeper Chris Higgs was called into action at the other end a superb save to keep out a one-on-one chance.

And it was Higgs who had a hand in the Rovers' equaliser when Pete Peacock latched onto the gloveman's huge kick and slotted the ball home.

Midfielder Preece went close to putting the hosts ahead with a free kick that whistled over the angle while a speculative shot from the Dynamos clipped the top of the Lyme crossbar.

Lyme manager Terry White withdrew Williams who was on a yellow card at half time and introduced Jedd Whittington into the midfield engine room with the versatile Jim Larcombe switching to full back.

Whittington was soon in the action with a 25-yarder that just cleared the crossbar and Peacock burst through but sliced his shot over the angle with the goal at his mercy.

But the Lyme skipper did well midway through the half with a cross from the left which tucked away by the promising Finlay McLean at the neat post.

The Rovers were now in control; McLean got on the end of a Jack Turner cross but guided his head just over while sub Simon Flux muscled his way through the Dynamos back line but poked his shot into the side netting.

The win was secured in the 88th minute when Turner found McLean who calmly laid the ball into the path of Peacock who smashed home 170tgh goal for the club.

FIXTURES

Last night (Tuesday)
DIVISION ONE
Hawkchurch Utd v Merriott Rovers
DIVISION TWO
Chard Rangers v Charmouth
Halstock v Farway Utd
Merriott Dynamos v Uplyme Res
Thursday, May 11th
Farway Utd v Winsham Utd Reserves
Friday, May 12th
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP FINAL
Forton Rangers v Merriott Rovers
(at Perry Street, 6.15pm ko)
PREMIER
Shepton Beauchamp v Barrington
Saturday, May 13th
DIVISION ONE
Pymore v South Petherton Reserves
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd Reserves v Halstock
Winsham Utd Res v Chard Rangers
DIVISION THREE
Forton Rangers Res v Uplyme Reserves
Lyme Regis Rovers v Ilminster Town A
Saturday, May 20th
FOOTBALL EXPRESS CUP FINAL
Lyme Regis Reserves v North Tawton
(at Elmore FC 2pm - EX16 4DP)

Uplyme & Lyme Regis Cricket

Rhys Davies' unbeaten 70

A BATTLING unbeaten 12-boundary 70 from Rhys Davies couldn't save Uplyme & Lyme Regis 1st XI from a hefty eight wicket defeat in their Devon League C Division (East) opener at Cullompton.

Aussie Charlie Warner chipped in with 22 and stand-in skipper Derek Wellman 10 as Uplyme were dismissed for 129 in the 30th over having been 39 for 8 at one stage.

Cullompton passed their target in just 66 deliveries. Cullompton 20pts ULR 4pts.

But there was better news from the 2nds as skipper Dave Matthews hit an unbeatn 100 (13x4, 1x6) and Bruce Maltby 49 in a three-wicket home win over Kentisbreare 2nds.

Earlier Matthews had taken 3 for 45 in the Kents' 222 for 6. ULRCC 18pts Kentisbeare 8pts

Increased ULRCC coverage in next week's ***View Sport.***

Bridport Golf

County win for Carole

THE **Men's** May Medal attracted 59 starters on Sunday and conditions for golf were pretty good as was the scoring *writes Peter Crowter*.

Results - Division One; 1st Patrick Hart 79-12=67, 2nd Dave Smith 78-10=68 (Lowest gross), 3rd (acb) Steve Crabb 79-7=72.

Division Two; 1st Tony Burt 80-14=66, 2nd Ian Kearley 83-15=68, 3rd (acb) Ian Thacker 86-14=72.

Division Three; 1st Andrew Harrison 84-19=65, 2nd Andrew Reichter 92-22=70, 3rd Robin Ormsby 90-19=71.

Harrison, Burt, Kearley and Hart received a one stroke handicap cut.

Last Thursday's **veterans** match against Long Sutton was a single division self-entry Stableford. Fifty members took part and, despite a changeable wind and the end of winter rules, some good scores were turned in.

Results; 1st Richard Fox(19) 41 points, 2nd Martin Oliver(22) 40, 3rd Jim Adams(24) 36, 4th (acb) Ray Southcombe(15) 35, 5th Keith Hicks(19) 35.

Fox and Oliver received a one stroke handicap cut.

Thirteen players entered the **Mixed** Midweek Stableford. The winner after countback was Larwence Turner(22) scoring 37 points. Runner-up was Toby Hall(8) while William Davison(23) was third with 34.

Both the Saturday and Tuesday **Ladies** played for the Par Cup *writes Di Neal*.

The winner was Julie Oliver -2 ocb from Sandra March, third was Julie Walters -3 ocb from Jan Clark, fifth was Carolyn McAllister again on -3 and the final prize winner was Julie Woodroffe with -4.

Meanwhile, Carole Brown is the new Dorset County Spring Challenge winner having played a superb nett 69 round to win by five shots at Broadstone which resulted in a handicap cut to 14.

Finally, Bridport won mixed match at HONITON.

WELL DONE: Carole Brown (left) with Dorset County President Ann Talbot.

Lyme Regis Bowls

Double figure win

THE Championship side had a spectacular 10-0 win (72-41) over defending champions Dorchester who fielded a weakened line-up.

Lyme 2 had a fine 7-3 win over Dorchester B in Division Two, this should have been a 9-1 but for an unfortunate drop of 6 shots from Dave Wood's team on the last end. In the South Dorset League, Lyme again had good success against Bridport B with an 8-2 win.

The Ladies went down 1-9 at Blandford with Nola Stephen's rink managing to scrape a draw to prevent a whitewash.

Lyme Bowling Club is offering half price membership to new members. Anyone interested can find details on the club's website or come along on a Wednesday evening to the informal 'Club Night' when anyone can turn up and have a go.

Dorset Men's Championship -Lyme Regis 72 Dorchester 41; T Allman, S Pomeroy, S Chant, P Pomeroy 31-13; G Clode, R Cridge, A Weech, B Rattenbury 21-17; R Hobbs, P Eagles, K Hickman, P Moffitt 20-11.

West Dorset Men Division Two -Lyme Regis 47 Dorchester B 46; M McAlpine, P Stephens, R Legg, D Meylan 15-15; N Bond, J Beadsley, J Moseley, C Barber 15-13; S Dowling, A Nabarro, B Parsons, D Wood 17-18.

South Dorset Men Division Two - Lyme Regis 48 Bridport B 42; P Stephens, N Bond, A Nabarro, B Rattenbury 19-13; M McAlpine, J Moseley, R Hobbs, R Legg 13-17; M Heneghan, A Preece, D Wood, A Weech 16-12.

Lyme Regis 74 Axminster 79; L Young, R Turpin, P Knight, A Preece 20-14; T Young, S Bond, A Henson, P Weech 16-26; A Darvill, M Knight, N Bond, A Nabarro 24-16; V Henson, T Payne, D Courtenay-Smith, A Weech 14-23.

Lyme Regis 64 Chard 65; G Clode, N Bond, S Rowe 18-19; N Driscoll, S Bond, P Moffitt 23-6; R Hobbs, J Moffitt, Chas Barber 14-19; B Driscoll, N Solomon, Chris Barber 9-21.

Lyme Regis 112 Bridport 106; P Ward, P Stephens, R Hobbs, C Barber 28-17; M McAlpine, A Nabarro, R Cridge 19-21; D Read, N Solomon, D Wood, P Moffitt 18-15; J Owen, G Clode, T Allman, R Legg 17-18; T Payne, J Moseley, B Rattenbury 15-22; G Broom, N Bond, B Parsons, D Meylan 21-13.

A view from the Boundary - The Dorset League

WITH STUART BROOM

Dorchester win at a canter

THE keenly anticipated curtain raiser between Dorchester and Martinstown never really materialised, as the county town ran our easy winners at the Rec.

There were also great wins for newly promoted Cattistock and Charlton Down as well as Beaminster and Puddletown, and Symene on their return to Saturday cricket.

Dorset Funeral Plan League
Premier League
Dorchester 103-2 (20) beat Martinstown (1) by 8 wickets

With two fairly evenly contested games last season, it suggested another close encounter, but turned out to be a damp squib.

Dorchester won the toss and inserted the visitors who made a steady start but instigated their own downfall by two run outs.

First 15-year-old Sean Williams, making his first team debut, was not quick enough to beat George Foot's throw, before Lee House was also caught napping by a quick piece of work from Jack Walklett to leave them 22-2.

Sam Kershaw never looked comfortable and was finally bowled by James Dunham (1-29) without scoring, and John Stewart also went for a duck, bowled by Dave Trotter (2-30).

All this time captain Ed Nichols was trying to take the attack to Dorchester, but when he was caught by Simon Joslin for 37 with the score 60-5 it was curtains for Martinstown.

The tail collapsed as Jack Walklett (3-23) and Dan Belt (2-9) rattled through and they were finally dismissed for 99.

There was an early success for Martinstown when Ben Macklin was caught behind by Nichols off Matt Camp (1-23), but with Will McKay showing early season promise with 41 (8x4), and with Belt (27*) he added 83 for the second wicket, which with Simon Mitchem's contribution (9*) saw them comfortably home.

County Division One
Cattistock 312-5 (20) beat Broadstone 2nd (3) 105 by 207 runs

JON Legg continued where he left off last season with 98 as Cattistock began with a comfortable win over a 10-man Broadstone 2nd.

Legg who stroked 15 boundaries missed out on a ton trying to hit Rich Poole over the top of the field, put on 107 for the first wicket with Martin Langford (36).

Brad Johns hit a quick 20, and Billy Walbridge (36) and Liam Toohill (24) also produced useful knocks.

However, it was an unbeaten sixth wicket stand that really livened thinks up. Steve Tucker hit 4x4 fours and 6x6 , four of them succession in one over, on his way to 68 off 26 balls, whilst Brad Damen (19*) was much more restrained with just three boundaries.

Broadstone made a decent start in reply with Ian Griffiths (34) and Greg Parsons (8) putting on 54 for the first wicket, but whilst Sam Beer (19) and Niral Kerai (14) gave some support, Toohill (3-28), Legg (2-21) and a wicket apiece for Bradley and Callum Mullins saw them dismissed for 105 all out.

Cerne Valley 258-5 (20) beat Weymouth (6) 195 by 63 runs

DESPITE an opening day defeat, Weymouth captain Simon Browne was not too despondent and looked at several positives from the game.

Although he felt the target of 258 was 30 or 40 more than he expected, he admitted Cerne deserved their win.

However, with Browne at the crease and Weymouth 155-2 with 16 overs remaining he felt they were in with a chance. But the skipper, who had added 63 with Kieron Womble, was adjudged leg before and the innings began unravel as Dave Portch claimed 5-25 with only Paul Collins (21) showing any resistance.

Batting first, Cerne Valley's openers Nick Wardlaw (72) and George Chubb (40) put on a century partnership and with Simon Walsh adding 74, they amassed 258-5.

Browne was particularly pleased with Graham Puckett's nine over spell which saw him concede a miserly 17 runs. He also felt Neil Walton's 2-40 from his nine didn't reflect his effort, whilst Browne picked up 2-48.

Although Tom England (8) fell lbw Dean Janaway and Womble took the score to 96 before the former was caught for 29. Womble (42) and Browne (32) looked comfortable and a Weymouth victory looked a possibility.

"At 155-2 with 16 overs to go we looked like we might cause them problems, but it was an encouraging performance, almost reaching 200, and I'm reasonably confident we will be okay this season."

County Division 2
Portland Red Triangle (20) beat Cranborne (-20) scratched

County Division 3
Poole Town 3rd (4) 164 lost to Beaminster 168-2 (20) by 8 wickets

POOLE were inserted and struggled against some tight bowling by Ross Baker and Francis Medley (1-35), but it was first change bowler Will Moss (2-34), who made the breakthrough with the 29 on the board.

Ali Crawford picked up 2-26 from his eight overs, and with Pete Bustin (1-19) picking up a wicket in a tidy spell, Poole were 66-3.

A good stand of 44 between Karthick and Hemmings looked to set the hosts up for a good score, but the return of Baker changed that as he took three wickets in one excellent triple wicket over.

Although the lower order rallied Beaminster restricted their hosts to a below par 164-9 from 45 overs.

Beaminster's reply started badly with Lewis Keenan run out without facing a ball. However Park (81*) and Crawford (61) shared a superb 142 run partnership. Park's innings included 15 boundaries while Crawford hit 10 before he was caught with 22 required. Beaminster reached their target in the 31st over as Leo Gurd (13*) hit the winning runs.

Charlton Down 243-6 (20) beat Dorchester 2nd (4) 107 by 136 runs

CHARLTON Down opened their season with a convincing 136 run win.

After losing the toss, Charlton openers Roger Frapwell (56) and Jae Miller (61) batted cautiously against the Dorchester opening bowlers of Mike Peak (1-23) and Habib Wardak (1-51), setting a good platform with the score to 76-0 at drinks

The pair then added 61 runs in just nine overs before Eiron Fitzgerald removed his wicket keeping pads and had Frapwell well caught by Andy Monk for 56 (10x4) to break the 133-run stand.

Four runs later Pete Diffy (1-38) bowled Miller for 61 (7x4, 7x6) off 81 balls. Nick Voss and Sam Roles (20) then added 56 in only six overs to push the score to 193-2, before the returning opening bowlers accounted for Roles and Matt Stevens, and a quality stumping by Sean Fitzgerald off son Eiron as Charlton Down crept past 200.

However, Nick Voss saw him hit a quick fire 59* (7x4, 2x6) in only 46 balls as he took Charlton Down's innings to an imposing 243-6.

Dorchester's Sean and Eiron Fitzgerald found batting difficult against the opening bowling brothers of Matt and Dan Stevens and it was the latter who had Eiron Fitgerald caught mistiming a drive straight to Roles at cover with the score on 25-1. Matt Stevens then bowled Steve Clifford (5) with an in swinging yorker.

The experienced duo of Sean Fitzgerald and captain Peak steadied the ship and added 32 before a mini collapse saw Fitzgerald, Baker and Diffy all dismissed to leave the visitors 69-5. Wardak and Billy Baker took the score to 100 when Baker was caught and bowled by Kim Park.

The guile of Fagence (7-5-5-3) then reduced Dorchester to 107-9 leaving Dan Stevens to bowl Ben Alford (2) to take the first 20 point haul for Charlton Down.

County Division 4
Puddletown (20) 308-3 beat Abbotsbury (6) 181 by 127 runs

PUDDLETOWN began the new season with a resounding 127 run defeat of visitors Abbotsbury.

Debutant Swans' skipper Simon Allen was to have a reduced role in the game after breaking his hand in an evening league game.

His first action was to lose the toss to Puddletown counterpart and opening batsman Lucas Allen, who opted to bat first on the artificial surface.

The foundations of their innings was laid by an opening stand of 125 between Tim Orford (58) and Allen who were let off the hook three times in the opening six overs as catching opportunities were spilled.

The breakthrougharrived in the 19th over with the introduction of spinner Krish Subramanian (2-37) who had Orford well caught by Kynan Brian.

The momentum was maintained by Adam Barrett who joined Allen, and the pair put on a further 31 before Allen, trying to repeat a straight six was caught by Ashley Harrow on the boundary for 85.

Adam Weir joined Barrett, and the pair put on 157 before Barrett was dismissed by Pete Lawrence for 70, and the innings closed with Weir unbeaten on 67 as Puddletown amassed 308-3 in their 40 overs.

In the Swans reply, pace bowler Weir (2-34) produced a lively opening spell and got the early breakthrough as a pitched up delivery broke through Simon Pengelly's defence for a duck.

Chas Duerdoth (12) was next to depart with a leading edge off Weir (2-34), the catch well taken by Mike Crabb at mid off.

Nick Kneebone and Brian provided some stability with a 74 run stand but the target was cleary out of reach and Abbotsbury settled for batting points.

Brian (32) found the boundary five times before snicking a Lucas Allen (3-35) delivery into the slip cordon and Kneebone (33) fell to a fine catch by Crabb off Tom Arkell (2-22).

Wickets then tumbled at regular intervals with the main resistance coming from Pittman who was last out for 36, and Grafton Straker (10*). With skipper Allen unable to bat, the Swans were bowled out for 181 but at least acquired maximum batting points. Crabb (2-14) bagged a brace with spinner Arkell's figures 2- 22 being particularly impressive.

County Division Five
Martinstown (5) 115-9 lost to Portland Red Triangle 2nd (19) 203-6 by 98 runs.

County Division Six
Symene (20) 38-0 beat Winton 3rd (0) 37by 10 wickets.

SYMENE had a simple task in their opening fixture having dismissed Winton 3rd for just 37 in a game played by two teams of 10.

Winning the toss and deciding to bat, the visitors were soon in trouble when captain Graham Bartlett struck with two in two balls.

Ethan Robertson (2-8) then claimed two victims to leave Winton at 4-4. It got worse however as Marcel Grunschloss produced a smart run out with only one stump to aim at to leave them 4-5.

Finally Kieron Davies managed to get bat on ball and his 14 runs helped them reach 37 with Bartlett cleaning up the tail to finish with 3-2.

In reply Jamie Dolman hit six boundaries in his 26*.

Readers Mid-Wessex Division One
Broadwindsor (20) 178-5 beat Compton Dundon (6) 177 by 5 wickets

AN unbeaten 70 from Ali Crawford saw Broadwindsor home with plenty to spare, although they had to refocus after losing three quick wickets at 140-2.

Crawford received good support from Lewis Keenan (27), Jack Walklett (22) and Ryan Sweetman (22).

Earlier the visitors had to thank B Chislett (61) and O Phillips (66) for most of their total as Eiron Fitzgerald (4-37) and Neil Jewitt with 3-11 from 6.2 overs **put the skids under the rest.**

Top batting performances: Jon Legg (Cattistock) 98; Lucas Allen (Puddletown) 85; Chris Park (Beaminster) 81 not out; Adam Weir (Puddletown) 70

Top bowling performances: Eiron Fitzgerald (Broadwindsor) 4-37

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures.

Knock Out Cup (semi-finals)
Tonight (Weds)
Portman Cup SF
Loders Arms - Castouts (22) v Rockets.
Woodman - Slingers (23) v Nelson Nobblers.

Nomination Final
Wednesday, May 10th
Bridport FC – Wanderers v Shipfaced.

Losers C & D Final
Thursday, May 11th
Bradpole Club - Yo Yo's v NBC.

Knock-Out Final
Tuesday, May 16th
Lord Nelson - The Dingles v Dingbats.

Portman Cup Final
Wednesday, May 17th
Bradpole Club - Castouts(3/26) or Rockets(0/4) v Slingers(0/19) or Nelson Nobblers(0/0).

***NOTE**: Tickets for Presentation Night are now on sale at the Lord Nelson @ £4 each or £6 on the door on the night.*

Highest Individual League Score (92) - M Tozer (BFC); M Huxter (Broadoak); D Alley (Let em Roll).
Medal winners (91) - M. Studley (Shipfaced) T.Tozer (Rough Eight) & D Wyatt (Masters).
Medal winners (90) - W Huxter (Lively Lads).
Scores of 90 & over in Cup matches — D Smith 94 (Lively Lads).
Highest Lady Individual League (86) score - S Luter (Yo Yo's).
Dunns Trophy — N Willcox (Rejects) & D Wyatt (Masters) 15 points.
Echo Rose Bowl — G Legg (Brandy Snaps) 18 points.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	21	41
Masters	21	27
Rockets	21	26
Rejects	22	25
Denhay	21	22
Slingers	22	19
Wanderers	20	19
Broadoak	22	18
Nelson Nobblers	20	18
Rough Eight	21	18
Lively Lads	20	10
U Know the Blokes	21	9

Division B	Pld	Pts
The Dingles	20	27
Miss the Ball	20	25
Countrymen	20	24
Outsiders	20	21
Dingbats	20	20
Lost in Time	20	19
Bangers	19	18
Originals	19	18
Castouts	20	16
Survivors	20	16
Aussies Lot	20	14

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	20	34
Pioneers	21	30
LHS	21	28
NBC	21	28
Wickers	21	28
Unknowns	20	18
Whiskey Chasers	21	18
Stingers	19	15
Yo Yo's	21	15
Groundhogs	20	12
Brandy Snaps	20	10

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	20	36
Strawpeedoes	20	36
Featherbeds	20	27
BFC	20	24
Alleycats	20	24
Let em Roll	19	20
Offcuts	19	15
Hidden Talent	18	12
Pinbashers	20	12

Youth cricket

Uplyme youngsters well beaten

Dorchester 80 for 5 beat
Uplyme 37 all out by 43 runs

UPLYME won the toss and elected to bowl first against Dorchester in the first round of the West Dorset Junior ECB cup.

Ollie Tayor and Jack Rattenbury bowled the opening five overs accurately butcouldn't make the breakthrough.

It was not until the introduction of new boy Brooklyn Wilkins that Uplyme made a inroads as he clean bowled both D Derrien and

J Kelly with successive deliveries. A Ryan (12) then came together with opener J Morris (28 retired) and together they rebuilt the innings.

However, Uplyme fought back when skipper Sam Sims caught Ryan off his own bowling before having C Brown well caught by Rattenbury.

Matt House then claimed his first wicket of the season after a fine spell to leave Dorchester 80 for 5 at the end of their innings.

Once again Uplyme struggled with the bat and no batsman reached double figures and ran out deserved winners by 43 runs.

Bridport rugby

World Cup finalist in town

BRIDPORT Rugby Club will be holding its AGM in the clubhouse at Bridport Leisure Centre on Wednesday, May 24th commencing at 7.30pm

The club's annual presentation dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 19th May at the clubhouse when the guest speaker will be ex Australian international **Justin Harrison** who was on the losing side in the 2003 World Cup final against England. Anyone interested in a ticket should contact Allan Staerck on 01308 420801.

Bridport Indoor Bowls

Wickers off to a flier

THE WICKERS of Roy Nicoll, Robin Pither & Barry Mapson showed no mercy as they hammered Four Men and a lady 20-4 to remain top of the **Morning League**.

Ruby and Bernard Winton & Mel Hargett's Bandits also made it two wins out of two with a 12-6 win over Scuttlebutts.

A two count on the final end gave John Boxall and Rose & Chris Everest's Hatters victory over Hillbillies 14-10, whilst Alan Wotherspoon, Nova Varney & Brian Baker's Supernovas beat the Grumblers 15-10.

Meanwhile Sylvia and Mike Fletcher & Len Guppy's Mannequins defeated Hotspurs 19-3.

Lyn and Peter Sandall & Eric White's Potters were the big winners in the **Evening League** with a 18-9 victory over Totties.

Sandra and Mel Hargett & Anne Parkins Jackpots came from 4-6 down to beat the Chancers 16-9, and Tony Sharood, Phil Benton & Mike Parsons Wyverns beat the Pirates 13-12.

Penny and Robin Pither & Keith Hicks' Lillywhites defeated Dingos to win 15-14. Mike Cash, Darren Simpson & Mike Fletcher's Butlins were happy campers with a 11-7 win against Was-ups, whilst Roy Nicoll, Julie Bright & Martin Grier's Gazelles beat Renegades 9-8.

Lyme Regis Sailing

Tricky Coronation Cup comp

*SAILED in conditions where the vagaries of the wind, described as a 'vicar's hat wind', the **Coronation Cup** saw a mixed fleet of 18 competing.*

Race officer Ian Wallace opted for a traditional wall start, giving interest for spectators who could see and hear the flags and hooters which set the dinghies off.

It is a while since this formerly common sight has been seen in Lyme, as windward starts are preferred, but it worked well in the unreliable NE breeze.

Two laps of a course to the Charmouth sewer buoy saw the race last up to two and a half hours.

A mixture of six classes took the first seven places with the only single-hander among them, Hilton Davis, finishing second.

Results – Dinghies;1st Jon Turner & Katie Frost (Merlin Rocket), 2nd Hilton Davis (K1), 3rd Max Smith & Jerry Rook (Albacore), 4th Stuart Gurney & Eveyln Toogood (Albacore), 5th Dave Stubbs & Paul Aitken (RS400), 6th Tony Fastnedge & Dave Guthrie (5o5).

Later, five lift keel boats competed with Rob & Margaret Wiscombe leading the fleet home, followed by Sharyn & Rob Walker, results are to be computed.

Gig Racing - World Championships, Isles of Scilly

Best ever results for Bridport and Lyme

LYME REGIS

FOR any sporting club to continue to improve in a sport that is rapidly evolving is a great achievement, but that is exactly what Lyme Regis Gig Club have done continuously over the past few years.

This progress continued last weekend at the annual World Pilot Gig Championships at the Isles of Scilly. Joined by over 3,500 rowers from all over the South West and as far as the Netherlands, Ireland and the USA, Lyme Gig Club entered a record 43 rowers in 11 crews.

Friday saw the Vets & Super-vets races take place from St Agnes to St Mary's Quay, a distance of 1.59NM.

The Ladies Super-vets came 10th in a field of 27. Next came the Ladies Vets who came 18th in a field of 51.

The Men's Super Vets A crew came a fantastic 3rd in a field of 26. This experienced crew continued their fine form having already recorded a win at Dartmouth in April. Only narrowly beaten by Helford and Charlestown, they battled all the way to the line. Supervets crew are; Chris Walters, Neil Spurdle, Toby Newson, Peter Rowsell, Chris Bailey and Nick Bale. This is the first top three result for any Dorset crew in the history of the championships.

Finally on Friday, the Men's Vets came in a great 8th out of a field of 42.

The first main races on Saturday are again the Long Race from St Agnes to St Mary's Quay and all the 140 or so competing gigs rowed out in the blustery seas to the mile long start line.

Following this race, each gig is seeded and the heats are split into groups of 12 for the next race from Nut Rock, off Tresco to St Mary's Quay.

One of these heats was held on Saturday afternoon and the other on Sunday morning, with the top two gigs being promoted and the bottom two relegated.

The finals for both the men and ladies take place on the Sunday afternoon, again racing the same course. Each group then has a winner and the outcome of group A decides who the overall Champion is.

The Ladies A Team achieved a fantastic 17th in the Long Race on Saturday and finished a Club record best at 36th in a field of 143. The Ladies B Crew came in 89th. The overall ladies winning Clubs were 1st Caradon 2nd Fowey, 3rd St Mary's.

The Men's A crew finished 18th, The B Crew at 40th, The C Crew at 79th and the D Crew at 114th from a field of 140 gigs.

The overall mens winning clubs were 1st Falmouth, 2nd Looe, 3rd Caradon. These final races completed the best ever

GREAT EXPERIENCE: Lyme Regis Ladies A team

set of results for the Club.

Massive thanks to the Clubs Championship's Coxons, three of whom alternately coxed and rowed through the main events.

Finally big thanks to those who invested so much time in preparing the boats for travel, especially Jeff Legge and David Clayton, amongst many others.

Results; Mens A crew 18th/137, Mens B crew 40th, Mens C crew 79th, Mens D crew 114th, Ladies A crew 36th/142, Ladies B crew 89th, Ladies supervets 10th/27, Ladies vets 18th/51 , Mens supervets 3rd/26, Mens supervets B 22nd, Mens vets 8th/42.

The club is hosting a QUIZ NIGHT at Uplyme Village Hall on Friday at 7pm. Teams of 4-6, £6.50 per person include a cheese board. Everyone welcome.

BRIDPORT

NINE crews from Bridport gig club competed in the championships.

Bridport ladies rowed brilliantly over the 1.8 mile 'long race' from St Agnes to St Mary's quay to finish 7th out of 27.

The ladies veterans (over 40) entered two crews - the A crew secured 13th and the B team finished 22nd out of 51.

The men's veterans rowed hard to secure a very strong 10th out of 42.

On Saturday it was the turn of the ladies and men's main draw races over the St Agnes long race.

After one heat both the ladies A and B crews were in group D - a first for Bridport to have two ladies crews in the same heat.

The ladies C were in group G - another first for Bridport to have a C crew at the championships. The men's A team began Sunday's racing in group D and the men's B in group I.

On Sunday sea conditions had improved making power and technique critical. The ladies C crew maintained their position in the group stages to finish 82nd overall. The ladies B crew came 43rd, the best result for any Bridport B crew.

The ladies A won their morning heat to be promoted to group C resulting in 30th overall out of 142, the best result ever achieved by the ladies.

The men's B crew battled relegation and then went on to be promoted over choppy seas to achieve 103rd place out of 140.

After promotion in the morning's heat, the men's A crew placed 36th equalling last year's best.

The club achieved their best ever results, the crews would like to thank all those who organised transport of the boats, squad training, social gatherings and also all the coxes, captains and rowers who put in so much effort.

Also a big thank you to Lyme Regis gig club for kindly lending the use of 'Rebel'.

Squads will now begin training for Weymouth regatta at the end of May, and have a busy season ahead.

If you would like to get involved in rowing, squad or general, please visit the website: www.bridportgigclub.org.

For more photos from the World Gig Rowing Championships see our website www.viewnews.co.uk

A view on the Bees

BY STUART BROOM

Bees get Legg up in tight encounter

Wincanton Town A 0 Bridport A 1
Dorset Divison Four

WHETHER it was that having already won the league title, Bridport A did not have quite the same desire or perhaps Wincanton Town played above their station, but this game was much tougher than the Bees have encountered for some time.

The first half finished goalless, but Bridport capitalisedon the slope advantage after the break and dominated.

However, the home keeper made a string of saves including an outstanding effort to deny Rhys Hughes–Williams.

But he was finally beaten when Dominic McAllister crossed for Legg to head home the winner.

Bridport now need just one goal in their last fixture away to Marnhull Reserves on Saturday to bring up their century for the season.

Under starters orders at The Beehive

BRIDPORT Football Club are up and running and looking to get next season's funding under way with a Race Night to be held at the Beehive at St Mary's Field on Saturday, May 27th.

Race sponsorship costs £40 per race and jockeys £5. Horses will be auctioned on the night which starts at 7pm for 7.30pm.

For more info e-mail: bridportfc@btconnect.com or ring Adrian on 07785752522.

Bridport Bowls

Highs and lows for Ladies teams

THE two ladies teams are experiencing contrasting fortunes at the start of the new Dorset League season.

The first team are only held off the top of Division One on shot difference by Broadstone A, whilst Bridport B are rock bottom of Division Two having suffered two heavy defeats.

In Division One Bridport beat Ferndown 77-42. Jill Willcox, Mary Eastman, Laura Taylor, & Pat Cornick were never behind after the first end, winning 23-13. Lyn Craddock, Marion Carter, Rosemary Brooks & Melodie Watts picked up two five counts on their way to a 32-16 victory, and although Frances Hewett, Gill Hunt, Alison Tibble & Margaret Clapp had a closer game, they picked up a four on the 20th to win 19-13.

Bridport B were well beaten 44-62 overall by Wimborne. Liz Newman, Pam Gray, Jan Tattershall & Barbara Iverson led all the way in a splendid 21-13 win, whilst Mary Marsh, Chris Robbins, Margaret Strange & Marion Tocher drew 17-17.

Unfortunately Diane S Butcher, Pauline Newitt, Sheila Jones & Christine Cowdrey suffered a disastrous 39-6 defeat, scoring on just five ends; a wicked wick from the skip on the last end saving the dreaded 40.

The Men's Dorset League B team lost their opening game against Wellworthy 48-52. Roger H Smith, Brian Medland, Roger Herbert, & Mike Craddock led 18-12 after the 17th end, and despite not scoring again managed to hang on for a18-15 victory. Sam Dunn, Eric Link, Geoff Strange & Peter Billett also won through 17-16. However, Mike Stephenson, John Ireland, Bob Willcox & Clive Langdon never got going and went down 21-13.

Bridport A had a comfortable 61-34 victory in their opening South Dorset Men's Division One game against Dorchester A. Dave Roberts, John Carter, Barry Shortland & Brian Conisbee had a solid 18-9 win, whilst Brian Iverson, Tom Tocher, Keith Brooks & Chris Thorne led from the start tn an impressive 27-10 victory. Ben Jones, Bill Payne, Bob Taylor & Brian Rumble were well ahead but lost a five count on the 20th to win 16-15.

The mixed friendly against Weymouth & Melcombe resulted in a a 58-30 win, scores; Liz Newman, Roger H Smith & Jill, Willcox 25-11; Alan Skelton, Neil Craddock & Pat Cornick 14-13; Mary Marsh, Dave Smith & Brian Rumble 19-6.

Lyme Golf

A team call up for Coombe

IT was a mixed day for Hardy B stalwart Rob Coombe. His team were playing Bulbury Woods in a cup game, but Coombe has had a run of good scores so found himself too qualified and played in the Hardy A game against Ashley Wood instead.

Hardy B won their cup game 4-1 so go on to play Ferndown, but despite winning on his debut match, Coombe had to settle for a team draw in the Hardy A game, as Mike Mudford, John Coley, and club captain Mark Lewis also won their games.

The **Midweek Stableford** was won by Gary Vaughan with Mark Scott just pipping Rob Clapp on countback for second spot - both with 36 points.

Vaughan had an excellent back nine to emphasize his victory and Scott had the better back nine to secure second, but it was good to see Clapp successfully return from injury with a competitive score.

The **Ladies May medal** was keenly contested as Susan Moore returned a superb best score of the day a nett 74, and won Division One from Felicity Poole who just beat an in-form Gilly Madill for second spot.

Division Two was keenly contested with Lizzie Linnert just beating Anita Holmes on countback, both with nett 75 while Marilyn Wilson came in third with 76.

The **Junior Order of Merit** competition saw the top three all finish under par as Bradley Searle took top spot with a steady nett 69 from Mannie Wellman who just beat Lewis Gibbons on countback both on nett 70.

PROMOTED: Rob Coombe

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Charmouth 2
Farway United 4

CHARMOUTH hopes of emulating their 3-1 win against the same opponents in their last Tommy Tabberer final some 37 years ago ended in a 60-second spell just before half time in front of a crowd of 170 at the Davey Fort on Friday evening.

A dour first half finally exploded into life five minutes before the interval. Charmouth right back Ryan Hayter gave away a needless foul out by the corner flag and Ernie Stobbs' free kick found an unmarked Ollie Reed who buried a header past Robins' keeper Kierron Bearpark.

And the lead was doubled less than a minute later when Matt Broom drilled a low angled shot into the far corner.

Before the double strike Farway had held sway with a succession of corners but these came to nothing, while Charmouth, who came into the game as underdogs and without long serving skipper Paul Miners, were content to sit back and attempt to hit the Devonians on the break.

Manager Kevin Pratt, having already lost defender Danny Parr to a recurring hamstring strain after just six minutes, shuffled his pack at half time bringing on Danny Rendell to partner Bill Ward up in an attempt to get back into the game.

But The Robins' chances were effectively ended just

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five minutes after the interval when Broom volleyed home to make it 3-0.

This did bring a rousing response from Charmouth and three minutes left back Matt Tipping set off on a rampaging run up the line before crossing for Ward to netted at the near post.

And they almost got a second moments later when Hakim Bibb hustled his way to the line, his cross found Brin Seward unmarked six yards out but he guided his shot the wrong side of the upright.

The missed chance marked the end of Charmouth's hopes and substitute Matt Reed coolly curled home Farway's fourth from 20 yards in the 68th minute.

Pratt then threw caution to the win and went to three at the back and Charmouth did grab a consolation second when sub Jamie Smith headed home from a corner for his first goal of the season but Farway deservedly lifted their second trophy in 48 hours.

Charmouth: Kierron Bearpark, Luke Hayter, Danny Parr (Dom Tait 6), Dan Watson (Capt), Matt Tipping, Alf Valler (Dan Rendell 46), Ed Boot, Przemek Szmigielski, Brin Seward, Hakim Bibb (Jamie Smith 73), Bill Ward. Unused subs; Ryan Boyle, Josh Caldwell.

CONSOLATION: Substitute Jamie Smith (red shirt, centre) heads home from a corner to give Charmouth hope at 4-2, but Farway deservedly held on to win the Tommy Tabberer Cup on Friday evening. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

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